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Town and School District Elections

Tuesday
March 14, 2006
7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
McKelvie School

Budgetary Town Meeting

Wednesday
March 8, 2006
7:00 p.m.
McKelvie School

2005 Town Council

Kevin Keyes, Chairman
William Van Anglen, V. Chair
Michael Scanlon
Lori Radke
David Danielson
William Greiner
Andrew Egan

Town Manager

Keith R. Hickey



TOWN DIRECTORY

TOWN OFFICES

24 North Amherst Road, Bedford, NH 03110

Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Tuesday – 7:00 am to 4:30 pm

Assessing, Planning and Zoning	472-8104
Auto/Dog/Voter Registration	472-3550
Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates	472-3550
Finance and Personnel.....	472-9869
Parks and Recreation.....	472-5242
Public Works: Highway and Sewer.....	472-3070
Tax Collector/Town Clerk	472-3550
Town Office – Administration	472-5242

Website: www.bedfordnh.org

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55 Constitution Drive, Bedford, NH 03110

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Building/Health Code Official/Inspector.....	472-3838
Fire Department – Business Line	472-3219
Police Department - Business Line	472-5113
FIRE AND POLICE EMERGENCY LINE.....	911

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Town Pool, 20 County Road (summer only)..... 472-7331

Transfer Station/Dump, Chubbuck Road 472-4563 |

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Wednesday through Saturday - 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

(Closed Sunday and Monday)

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For the Year Ending December 31, 2005

ELECTED OFFICIALS

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

TOWN COUNCILORS

Kevin Keyes, Chairman.....2008
William Van Anglen.....2008
Michael Scanlon2007
Lori Radke2007
David Danielson2006
William Greiner.....2006
Andrew Egan2006

TOWN CLERK

Wanda Jenkins.....2008

MODERATOR

Eugene Van Loan, III.....2006

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Dorothy Witzel.....2008
Laura Dunn2006
M. Elaine Tefft.....2010

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Ryk Bullock.....2008
Scott Earnshaw2007
Kenneth Grassett2006

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Anthony Frederick2008
Edward Moran.....2007
Robert Brooks, Chairman.....2006

Town Manager.....Keith Hickey
Executive Assistant..... Dawn Boufford
AssessorWilliam Ingalls
Building Code Official Wayne Richardson
Environmental Coord. Steve Crean
Finance Director Crystal Dionne
Fire Chief Scott Wiggin
Library Director..... Mary Ann Senatro
Police Chief David Bailey
Planning Director Karen White
Public Works Director Jim Stanford
Recreation Director Craig Sanderson
Town Treasurer Edith Schmidtchen

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Governor John Lynch
US Senators Judd Gregg
..... John Sununu
US Representatives Charles Bass
..... Jeb Bradley
Executive Councilor Raymond Wieczorek
State Senator Sheila Roberge

**REPRESENTATIVES TO THE
GENERAL COURT**

Mark Clark
John Graham
Ken Hawkins
Ed Moran, Jr.
Michael Scanlon
Maurice Villeneuve



APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

PLANNING BOARD

Debbie Sklar2008
Harold Newberry2008
Robert Young2008
Paul Goldbrg2007
Paul Drahnak, Chairman2006
Jon Levenstein2006
Kevin Keyes, Councilor
Keith Hickey, Town Manager

Alternates

Lori Radke, Councilor
Michael Burns2008
John Waterworth2008
Robert Angelini2007

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Christopher Bandazian, VChair2008
Sara Clark2008
William Walsh2007
Sandra LaMontagne, Chair2006
Michael Scanlon, Councilor

Alternates

Michael Izbicki2007
Tim Villeneuve2007
James O'Neil2007
William Greiner, Councilor

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Mervyn Taub, Chairman.2008
Jeffrey Nelson2007
Glenn Boston, Vice Chm.2006
Doris Przybyla2006
Karen Simmons2006
Robert Young, Planning Board
William Van Anglen, Councilor

Alternates

David Brown2008
Anthony Clark2007
Kermit Zerr2007
Jon Levenstein, Planning Board
Andrew Egan, Councilor

TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES

Don Folsom, Chairman2008
Doris Spurway2006
Vacant

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Greg Zimmermann, Chairman2008
Beverly Thomas2008
William Jean2007

Lori Radke, Councilor

Harold Newberry, Planning Board

Alternates

Timmie Maine Miller2008
Andrew Noyes2006
David Danielson, Councilor
Deb Sklar, Planning Board

PARKS AND RECREATION

Sue Thomas2008
Jim Morgan2007
Don Foster, Chairman2006
William Foote2006
Mary Selvoski (emeritus)
William Van Anglen, Councilor

Alternates

Michelle Casale2008
Myles Walker2007
Michael Scanlon, Councilor

BCTV

Eugene Mackie2008
Mary Lou Wilson2008
Robert Thomas2007
Anne Scanlon, Chair2007
Chuck Grau2007
Ellen McAvoy2007
David Kirsch2006
William Greiner (Councilor)
Michael Scanlon (Council alternate)
Stephen Beals (School Board)

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Police Chief David Bailey, Chairman
Chief Scott Wiggin, Fire Dept. Rep.
Jim Stanford, Director of Public Works
David Danielson, Councilor
Anthony Grande, Resident2007
Gerry Gagne, Resident2007
Ken Peterson, Resident2006
Andrew Egan (Council alternate)

WATER & SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Paul Goldberg2008
Paul Arnold2008
Bruce Thomas, Chairman2007
Richard Moore2006
Andrew Egan, Councilor
William Van Anglen, Councilor alternate
Steve Crean, Wastewater Superintendent
Karen White, Planning Director
Keith Hickey, Town Manager



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DEDICATION



This year's Town Report is dedicated to two of Bedford's most prominent residents, Eugene ("Pic") M. Van Loan Jr. and Anna S. Van Loan. After 65 years of marriage – most of which was spent in Bedford - Pic and Anna both passed away in 2005, just 36 days apart.

Pic was a member of the Planning Board for 23 years and was one of the initial sponsors of a zoning plan for the community. Those efforts led to his sometimes being called Bedford's "Father of Zoning". Pic also served on the Bedford Town Council, the Bedford Historic District Commission and the Bedford Charter Commission. For many years he was also Bedford's representative on the Southern New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission.

Anna was a stay-at-home mother of four children. In Anna's "spare time", her passions were education and politics. Anna was on the Bedford School Board for 23 years and a member of the NH House of Representatives for 22 years. Anna was also a member and former President of the Bedford Women's Club.

In 2000, in appreciation for their community, the Van Loans and their children donated a conservation easement over 65 acres of undeveloped property behind their home at the corner of Wallace and North Amherst Roads to the Bedford Land Trust. That property, now known as the Van Loan Preserve, is permanently preserved as open space and will eventually be made available to the residents of Bedford for passive recreational uses.

Pic's and Anna's love and dedication to their family and their contributions to their community will be remembered for many years to come.



**Budgetary Town Meeting – McKelvie School
Wednesday, March 10, 2005**

The Bedford Budgetary Town Meeting was held on Thursday, March 10, 2005 at McKelvie School. Moderator Eugene Van Loan III opened the meeting at 7:03 PM, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and introduced those seated on the stage: Councilors Christopher Bandazian, David Danielson, William Greiner, Kevin Keyes, Lori Radke, Michael Scanlon and William Van Anglen; Town Manager Keith Hickey; Finance Director Crystal Dionne; Town Clerk Wanda Jenkins, and Executive Assistant Martha Gaudes. Moderator Van Loan reviewed the rules for the meeting. There were approximately 95 people present.

Michael Scanlon, Town Council Chairman, welcomed newly re-elected Council member Andy Egan. Mr. Scanlon said when Andy was forced to resign his seat, the Council underwent a search for a replacement to temporarily fill his position until the election. There were 9 very qualified individuals who stepped forward who expressed interest in serving. After a long interview process, Chris Bandazian was ultimately chosen. On behalf of the Council he said Chris has done a tremendous job for this town. He came in without an agenda, without any preconceived notions, he did his homework, he was prepared, and on behalf of the Council and everyone in Town he thanked Chris for his efforts for the last 9 months. He presented a plaque to him in appreciation of his service.

Mr. Greiner said to Chris that he enjoyed working with him over the last year and has learned a lot from him. He has brought a lot to the Council. He said it has been an honor and thanked him for stepping up.

Mr. Bandazian thanked everyone for their kind remarks and kindness over the last 9 months.

Article 4. If Article 2 of the School District Warrant of March 8, 2005, passes, should the Town of Bedford raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$6 Million to fund the purchase of land and construction of a connector road between Route 101 and the Middle School/High School site, connecting Nashua Road and Wallace Road, that would be eligible for reimbursement from the

State of New Hampshire under the Route 101 corridor study and would also service traffic for the new Middle School/High School. This article was submitted as a citizen petition. The Bedford Town Council does not support this petition.

Thomas Johnson, 14 Presidential Road, moved to pass Article 4. Moderator Van Loan asked if he means adopt. Mr. Johnson said adopt in the positive. Motion seconded. Mr. Johnson moved to adopt it so we can vote on it clearly and not in the negative. He suggests we do not pass this. He said this was submitted by Armand Boisvert, and along with him, Paul Hannan and himself got signatures for it. It is a shared connector road needed by the State, the Town, and the School District. As we moved forward to March 8, there had to be a lot of coordination to get this figured out, and the 3 of them were worried this would fall between the cracks and not make it on the ballot for March 8. So they tried to help out by putting it on the ballot themselves. Unfortunately they didn't word it correctly for bonding. The road design was passed on Tuesday for \$200,000 on the School District warrant. The new middle school/high school needs the connector road. The Town and School Board have both voiced strong support for this road. Everyone knew going into Tuesday that the road would cost around \$6 million, and was able to vote for the high school/middle school with that knowledge. The Town now has some time to work with the State, and this is a tremendous opportunity for the State to help pay for some of this. The 3 people who submitted this recommend not voting for this article this year, and voting for the article that the Town will put forward next year after the design has been done and they have had a chance to work with the State and take advantage of anything that the State will offer.

Joleen Worden, 7 Birchwood Circle, supports what Tom has said. This is putting the cart before the horse. We do not need this road before 2010. We should wait for the design and correct price before we consider anything, and we should definitely ask the State to pay for the road. It was their study; it's their road.



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Paul Hannan, 37 County Road, supports Tom's position.

Vote on motion failed.

Article 5. Town Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing year.

General Fund	\$16,910,766
Police Special Detail	437,350
Recreation Day Camp	131,090
Bedford Comm. TV	198,500
Special Revenue Funds	104,000
Sewer Fund	2,183,917
Total Appropriation	\$19,965,623

Mr. Scanlon moved that we adopt Article 5; motion seconded.

Mr. Scanlon read the proposed budget summary.

There is a tax increase in the Town portion of property taxes of \$.21 to support the 2005 budget. The Town portion of the tax rate will be \$2.71 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Highlighted below are the projects and/or equipment included within departmental budgets that will continue to allow for the quality service that the residents of Bedford have come to expect. Additional costs in the budget are funded through cost savings elsewhere and new revenues.

- The **Town Council** budget includes \$500,000 for the acquisition of land, if a parcel becomes available during the year. This amount is totally offset by revenue. Also included is \$296,010 for the principal and interest payments as well as an additional principal reduction \$31,240 for the Joppa Hill parcel.
- The **Town Manager** budget includes costs associated with the retirement and replacement of the Town Manager's

Executive Assistant, the first year lease payments of three hybrid vehicles and the acquisition of three additional hybrid vehicles. Also, the Town Office receptionist position has been reduced to a part time, 20 hour per week position and moved to the Parks and Recreation Administration budget.

- The **Town Clerk** budget includes funding to establish the Clerk's position as full time.
- The **Finance and Personnel** budget includes increased funding for the annual audit to comply with new national auditing standards. Also included is \$20,000 to be deposited into the Financial Software Capital Reserve account.
- The **Information Technology** budget includes the replacement of 22 pc's as recommended by the Information Technology Master Plan accepted by the Town Council. Also included is the transfer of an existing position that was previously budgeted for in Police Administration.
- The **Building Maintenance** budget includes the consolidation of all town phone expenses, excluding cell phones and 911 phone lines. This consolidation was done in 2004 when acquiring a new phone system that allowed for the reduction of annual phone expenses.
- The **Safety Complex** budget includes increased utility expenses now that there is a tenant renting space. This amount is offset by revenue.
- The **Fund Balance Reserve** budget is a new budget established to address the long-term financial stability of the town. Please see page 7 and 8 for a detailed explanation.
- The **Police Communications, Patrol and Detective** budgets include salary adjustments for Police Union personnel as part of the ongoing union negotiations. Also included is \$76,000 for grants that are offset by revenues.



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- The **Fire Administration** budget includes \$100,000 for anticipated fire grants. Revenues offset this budget item.
- The **Fire Operations** budget includes a full year of funding for the two firefighter positions added at the 2004 Budgetary Town Meeting.
- The **Health Department** includes a new part time health inspector to provide inspections of the increasing number of food establishments.
- The **Public Works Road Resurfacing / Reconstruction** budget includes \$996,800 for the principal and interest payment of the existing road bond and \$1,003,200 for the reconstruction, rehabilitation and resurfacing of town roads. Public Works will also spend the remaining \$3 million from the existing road bond. The Road Reconstruction budget may need to be increased if the proposed road bond article fails.
- The **Public Works Highway** budget includes \$300,156 for the purchase of two dump trucks and two one ton trucks, \$33,994 of which is offset by revenue. There is an additional \$304,250 budgeted to be deposited into various Capital Reserve accounts.
- The **Transfer Station** budget includes a \$45,000 increase in tipping fees and \$167,200 for the landfill bond payment.
- The **Recreation** budget includes \$170,000 for the rehabilitation and lighting of the Legacy Park rectangular field and \$8,000 for the fencing of the Joppa fields parking lot.
- The **Library** budget includes funding to open the Library on Sundays and increased wages to properly budget for current employees. Also included is the establishment of a Capital Reserve for building repairs in the amount of \$34,700 and \$175,638 for the Library bond payments.
- The **Conservation Commission** budget includes \$350,000 towards the purchase of conservation land if any becomes

available. This amount is offset by revenue.

Moderator Van Loan said the operating budget as discussed, and as the handout shows that the total amount to be raised and appropriated is \$19,985,623. The difference between that and the article he read was \$20,000. The article he read for the Town operating budget was \$19,965,623. The difference is Article 6 which involves a withdrawal from the Current Use Capital Reserve Account. Moderator Van Loan suggested to move to Article 6 and come back to Article 5 just to see whether or not you want to include that \$20,000. It was moved and seconded to defer consideration of Article 5 while we consider Article 6.

Article 6. Withdrawal from Current Use Capital Reserve Account

To see if the Town will vote to expend up to \$20,000 out of the Current Use Capital Reserve Account for the purposes of completing a town wide wetland mapping study and its related expenses.

Motion made and seconded on Article 6. Mr. Van Anglen said this is required by law for the Conservation Commission to use any money that is achieved through current use capital taxes, so when land comes out of current use, there is a payment that goes. RSA's in the State require that money be used for the purchase of conservation land. The only way the Conservation Commission can use that for any other use is to get a vote of the Town to allow them to do it. There is currently a prime wetlands mapping study that is going on. The first phase of it was paid by private funds. The second phase to complete it requires about \$20,000. There is no tax impact on this. It is just you saying to the Conservation Commission that we approve you to use that money for prime wetlands mapping.

Vote on motion passed.



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Back to **Article 5**. Moderator Van Loan said just to reiterate and clarify. Article 5 is the Town Operating Budget. As printed it is for \$19,965,623, but in the handout it is \$19,985,623. The difference is the \$20,000 that was just voted to take out of the Current Use Capital Reserve Account for wetlands mapping.

Moderator Van Loan read through the budget by each line item. (budget attached). He explained this is not a line item budget. It is a bottom line budget, so although you may see a particular number attached to a particular line item, the Town Council is entitled to spend the money where it wishes within the budget as long as it's within the total budget limitation that has been passed, and for the purposes which are stated in the budget. If you make a motion to amend a specific provision that it does increase or decrease the total budget but it is technically only advisory to the Council as to whether or not that's where they're going to spend the money. Although technically they don't have to spend it that way, we all assume that they will do what you ask them to do.

Elaine Tefft, 7 Meetinghouse Road, said the Town Manager recommended \$363,000, and the Town Council recommended \$160,000 more approximately under Town Council. She asked what are you planning to do with the extra \$160,000, assuming you're going to keep it in that line item. Mr. Scanlon said the difference was we included more money into the land account. Originally he had about \$350,000, and we increased that to \$500,000 which is offset by revenue if we were to sell other Town property, so there is no impact on the tax rate. Mrs. Tefft said there is \$327,000 for the Joppa Hill land. So what you're saying is this budget includes a total of \$800,000 for land purchases? Mr. Scanlon said correct. Mrs. Tefft asked what is the reason you decided we needed more land than he thought we needed? Mr. Scanlon said we felt his number was not as realistic as we would have liked it to be, and we felt there would be opportunity. We rolled money that we did not spend in last year's budget plus the anticipation of some additional revenues of land that was sold and anticipate may be sold

or paid for in 2005. We felt comfortable that we would be raising that amount of money. Mrs. Tefft asked if any of that money is going to be used for seizing the Pennichuck property by eminent domain? Mr. Scanlon said no.

Under Information Systems, Mrs. Tefft said last year you expended \$152,000, and now you're asking for an extra \$100,000 – 66% increase over what you spent. That is a huge increase. What is the reasoning behind that? Mr. Danielson said there are 2 major reasons for the increase. The first is a transfer of funds that came from the Police Department. The person moved over to the Information Technology Department. The second was the fact that part of our systems get turned over every 3 years. The other expenditure is for turning over the PC's or laptops. Mrs. Tefft said as a taxpayer, it is hard to keep track of the expenditures when you are moving people around from one department to another. She was informed at the budget hearing that it involved getting new computer equipment every 3 years or renewing all of it on a 3-year basis, but she would like to see moderation in expenditures, and she hasn't seen it in this budget.

Dennis Grimes, Bracken Circle, said when you have a person moving from one department to another, so that amount of money is being deducted from the police station so it really isn't a 66% increase in the overall budget. Mr. Danielson said you are correct. If you look at the bottom line you would see that the Police Department would have adjusted it's budget because that person is now moving from their department over to the Information Technology Department. Mr. Grimes said so we are really talking 33% increase approximately. Mr. Danielson said it would be a little less than 20%. Mr. Grimes said every 3 years you turn over your PC equipment. Mr. Danielson said yes, the idea is to stay current with the technology. Mr. Grimes said that is common within most companies.

Mrs. Tefft said she checked the subtotal for the Police Department and she doesn't see any reductions. She sees an increase. She is having difficulty finding out where we saved that \$50,000 in the Police budget. Mr. Keyes said in the Police



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Administration budget, regular wages component, the 2004 budget was \$209,347, and the Council recommended budget for 2005 is \$168,532 or roughly \$40,000 reduction. Mrs. Tefft said as a taxpayer and a voter she doesn't have that information? Mr. Keyes said that information is available in the detail which has been available at the Town Office for months. Mrs. Tefft asked if you are suggesting that a taxpayer needs to go to the Town Office to find out what's really in the budget? Mr. Keyes is suggesting that this information is available. You can call, we would be happy to send it out to you, or you can come by and get it as has been done for the last 30 –40 years. Mrs. Tefft doesn't think so. She has lived here 36 years, and we always got a lot more details.

Manchester Transit, Mrs. Tefft asked how do Bedford taxpayers benefit from that? Mr. Scanlon said that is a subsidy for the bus that runs up and down South River Road. Some of the businesses on South River Road their employees utilize that service to get to and from work. People use it to go to the Bedford Mall, Wal-Mart, Stop 'N Shop, Hannaford's, etc. Mrs. Tefft asked from where? Mr. Scanlon said to and from Manchester. Mrs. Tefft understands that is basically so Manchester people can shop in Bedford. It has nothing to do with providing public transportation for senior citizens or others in Bedford to go around Bedford? Mr. Scanlon said it may make stops at some of the elderly housing along South River Road. The benefit to the Bedford businesses are that it does bring shoppers to their stores and to some of the employers along South River Road whose employees utilize that service to get to and from work. So it is a direct benefit to the taxpayers.

Mrs. Tefft would like an explanation of the Compensation Adjustment for \$167,000. Mr. Van Anglen said the \$167,532 is the total. Instead of showing in each line item the increases for employees for 2005 by department, we showed the total in one line item, and that's a 4% average increase for all the town employees and union employees. Mrs. Tefft asked if you have an

average of 4%, what is the range? Mr. Van Anglen said 0 to 6%.

Dave Gaudes, Sr., 16 Belmont Court, under Fire Department Operations, moved to add \$60,000 for the purpose of adding 2 firefighters to the roster. This would cover the cost of these firefighters for the remainder of the year after they were hired. Motion seconded. Mr. Gaudes said his scanner has told him that Bedford has a problem with covering some calls for emergencies in an acceptable amount of time, especially back to back calls. While watching the Town Council meeting on BCTV a short time ago he was interested in what the Fire Chief and 2 Captains had to say. The ISO information was an eye opener. We are below standards in both the New England and National standards, and 2 or more firefighters would just about bring us up to the national standard, which is what the Chief asked for in budget preparation. At the end of that meeting when the Fire Chief was asked what his most pressing need was he answered personnel.

Mr. Danielson explained how we got where we are. First of all in the process the Chief brings his numbers to the Town Manager. In his budget this year the Chief did ask for additional firefighters. However, in the discussion with the Town Manager, it was agreed to drop that particular request, and then the budget that was submitted to the Town Council did not include firefighters. That was the recommendation to the Town Council from the Town Manager. The Council, after seeing that number and having a discussion relative to that, and hearing the discussion brought forward by the Chief and Town Manager, agreed with that. However, at the last budget hearing there was information that had come forward to the Council prior to that second budget hearing that I introduced to the Town Council. The discussion was the ISO Report, (Insurance Services Offer) which looks to see how does the Town measure up as far as protection services for fire response, and how that is going to affect our fire insurance rates. Based on that study and also a study that was given to us written by the Town Manager and Fire Chief, the information I felt was more than what we had



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during our budget hearings, I recommended we add \$100,000 to the budget or not necessarily adding \$100,000 but getting \$100,000 out of the unexpended fund balance. That was compromised. Councilor Keyes suggested that we go to \$60,000, the rationale being that we would hire the new firefighters later into the year, and asked if I would be amenable to that, and I was. The motion came forward and was defeated 2-3.

Mr. Grimes said we used to have a deal with the New Boston Air Force firefighters. Is that no longer? Mr. Danielson said we had an agreement with the Amherst, New Boston and Bedford Fire Department with New Boston Tracking Station which was a facility they abandoned a while ago. At that time we did a cooperative staffing for the northwest corner of town. That agreement has become moribund at this point. It doesn't mean we can't go to it at some other time but right now it is defunct.

Jim Morgan, 39 Riddle Drive, said this is the second Town Meeting where we have had recommendation to increase staffing against the Council's recommendation. He is not in support of this because we have a Council that has looked at this. We have a Fire Chief that has gone to the budget hearings and isn't jumping up and down to hire people. Mr. Morgan thinks there is a plan that has been discussed about an alternate station sometime. We are going to need staffing for that. He would recommend a committee to evaluate the ISO Report and come to the Council with some sort of determination on exactly what the staffing needs are. To willy nilly staffing needs at a Town meeting is not only against what we do during the entire budget season. If the department head is not jumping up and down for staff, if the majority of the Council is not jumping up and down for staff, he sees no reason to add staff in a willy nilly manner. Let's evaluate and see if it is needed, and let's incorporate whether or not we need the secondary station.

Mr. Keyes said he is in opposition to the motion. When we discussed this motion at the last budget hearing, he was one of the two people who voted in favor of it. However, it was overruled by the

majority, and the budget before you is the budget that has survived literally 8 to 9 months of evolutionary process to get where we are today, and he feels it is important that he supports the budget before you. More importantly, he thinks there are a number of issues that are going to come before the Fire Department or are already here. We received the ISO Report, we received reports and recommendations from the Town Manager and Fire Chief regarding a fire substation, and there are also a number of equipment needs now and in the future. In speaking with the Town Manager and Fire Chief, they have committed to bring forth to the Council within a period of 2 or 3 months a comprehensive, overall, long term strategic plan that addresses all of the needs of the Fire Department. We don't just need 2 firefighters. They need to look at this department from top down and bring us a plan that we can put in force whether it be through setting money aside for capital reserves as well as adding new people. Mr. Keyes said he agrees with Mr. Morgan and he doesn't think that adding people at the last minute after a budget has been pushed through and struggled with for this amount of time is the appropriate way to approach this.

Scott Wiggin, Fire Chief, said he may jump up and down behind closed doors, but this has been an issue that has been going on for several years to address their staffing needs. There is a deficiency. It's been identified with ISO, and it's been identified with our surveys. Realizing it's much more comprehensive than just a staffing issue, with the proposal of a possible remote location for staffing, equipment needs and facilities needs, if he can have reassurance from the Council that this definitely will be addressed in the upcoming year, he would entertain that the potential of 2 extra people at this time would help but may not be as comprehensive to the whole needs of the department.

Mr. Scanlon said the Council is committed to taking not only a look at our long range Fire Department needs but certainly of all of our other departments in town. We do have a proposal about a potential substation on South River Road.



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We also have needs in the Joppa Hill area as far as response times and potential for needing substations. One of the things he would like to caution about is the ISO Report had a lot more to do with the Fire Department and our fire rating than just staffing. It had to do with testing of hose, testing of engines, pre-planning of buildings. It had to do with a great deal of things as a comprehensive study. Adding 2 firefighters is not going to change that ISO rating. It's important to remember that the Council is committed to the public safety of this community. Nobody sitting at this table has ever done anything to sacrifice that safety. We're comfortable that the Fire Department is staffed. He is sure if you ask the Fire Chief, our Public Works Director, Parks & Rec Director, they could probably all tell you they could use a couple more people if the town would give it to them. Our job is to weigh the tax rate and the ability of the taxpayers to support the tax rate. We've made some very tough decisions across the board, and those decisions started with our Town Manager and our Department Heads before the Council got the budget, and the proposals that came to us were in line with what we asked for, and I believe that we are comfortable with the staffing, and certainly if we do our comprehensive study over the next several months, and it does justify and warrant the increase of staffing, then next year's budget the Town Council will be supporting the increase of staffing on the Fire Department.

Mr. Van Anglen said he is against the motion. He believes we need to look at this in a more strategic wholistic view on how we are going to approach and solve this problem. To continuously bandaid it by 2 guys here and 2 guys there isn't the right way to approach this. He is not saying we don't need the people, but he thinks we need to take a bigger, more wholistic view. He is committed to working over the next year or so with the Chief and the Town Manager on trying to look at this from a bigger picture, looking at the proposals and a more strategic view on how to approach it. He asked not to consider that we are not supportive of trying to help the Fire Department or add resources, it's a little bit ahead of where he thinks we need to get to.

Mr. Greiner said he is also against the motion. He thinks we are committed to doing what we need to do to bring the Fire Department up to where people are comfortable. We've got a retreat coming up shortly. He asked that we discuss this and not wait a year or two but commit that we are going to come back after the retreat, hopefully have the document from the Fire Chief and Town Manager where we can hash this out over the next few months, and then as it comes time for the next budget cycle we will be able to move this forward and hopefully bring it to the community next year at Town meeting.

Mr. Danielson said the other thing to be aware of is we are going to need more people. You shouldn't consider that 2 people are going to be it. We're going to need a number of people over the years. The concern would be if a plan came back and said add 4 people in a given year, the jolt on the budget would be much more than he wants to see. He felt it is better to do things gradually than to do things all in one big hit. That was the thought process behind the discussion at the budget hearing.

Vote on amendment to increase the budget by \$60,000 in the area of the Fire Department operations failed.

Mr. Danielson called for a division, following which the motion failed 31 yes and 38 no.

Under recreation, Mr. Morgan, as member of Parks & Recreation Commission, said we have had numerous residents approach us about the date and time of the pool closing. At the current time we close the pool in August. In the last year and a half the Town has spent in excess of \$650,000 to upgrade the pool. Weather in our region is changing. September tends to be a hotter month than it used to be. June tends to be a colder month. He said the Town Council should consider adding some money to the budget (less than \$3,000) to hire some weekend professional lifeguards to come in and keep the pool open through Labor Day weekend and through the middle of September. That's because we had a ton of people come in and ask for this. He also



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commended the Council on the pool facility. Parks & Rec has done a fantastic job on that. This year was a record year for pool revenue. We increased over \$20,000. It is a revenue offsetting item. It wouldn't affect the tax rate, but we ought to seriously look at providing lifeguards through the month of September.

Mr. Bandazian said the reason we have to close the pool early is the lifeguards are college students, and they tend to go back to school before Labor Day. It would mean hiring some additional staff rather than just extending the stay of the current lifeguards, so it would be something of a major step forward.

Mr. Scanlon said his understanding was we were going to add to the program budget. We increased some recreation fees. Mr. Hickey said that is under the Summer Day Camp Program.

Mrs. Tefft said there is a substantial increase from what was expended last year, and she wondered what the additional \$120,000 or close to 45% increase is in fields. Mr. Bandazian said last year virtually no money was appropriated for field improvements because Joppa Hill Field improvements came from prior year's budget. Only \$46,000 actually did go into Joppa Hill last year, and that was for some unanticipated expenses. This year the chief increase is for work that is needed on Legacy Field. There is a drainage problem and maintenance problem, so half of \$170,000 is allocated to that. Also half of that \$170,000 is allocated to lighting Legacy Field which will allow us to have greater utilization of the Town's facilities and will avoid land acquisition costs. Mrs. Tefft said so what you are saying is that the entire increase is for Legacy Field or the entire \$376,000 is for Legacy Field. Mr. Bandazian said there are also personnel costs of maintaining fields. Mrs. Tefft said so there are personnel in the fields section of that budget? Mr. Bandazian said the chief reason for an increase is Legacy Field. Mrs. Tefft asked what is the rest of the money for. Mr. Bandazian said to pay for staff, fertilizer, etc. Mrs. Tefft said so there are personnel in the fields section of the Parks and Recreation budget? Mr. Bandazian said

correct. Mrs. Tefft asked where is the \$275,000 you spent on dry holes at Joppa Hill trying to get water to water the sod? In last year's budget or this year's budget or the year before? Mr. Bandazian said mostly in the year before, although some of it is that \$46,000 that came in 2004, and that was from the unallocated reserve. Mrs. Tefft asked where is the money for the water tanks to hold water to water the sod? Mr. Bandazian said that is the same money I just spoke of. Mrs. Tefft asked how many times are you counting that same money? Mr. Bandazian said once. Mrs. Tefft said once for the dry hole, once for the tanks? Mr. Bandazian said it is the same \$46,000. Mrs. Tefft said the dry hole was \$275,000 for all those holes. Mr. Bandazian said no. Mrs. Tefft asked how much did you spend trying to find water? Mr. Hickey said the entire project at Joppa Hill was approximately \$275,000, of which about \$46,000 was expended to install water tanks, to drill an additional well. Mrs. Tefft asked is that why you had to put tanks in to hold the water for the sod because you couldn't get sufficient water from the ground? Mr. Hickey said the yield from the wells was not sufficient enough to water both fields. Mrs. Tefft said and there is personnel in that too? Mr. Hickey said correct. There's one full-time person and a seasonal person. Mrs. Tefft said that is in addition to administration? Mr. Hickey said the administration is the Parks & Recreation Director, and the part-time clerical help in the Town Office Building. Mrs. Tefft asked how many people do we have in all? Mr. Hickey said we have a Parks & Rec Director, a 20-hour a week clerical person in the Town Office Building, a full-time field maintenance person, and a person that works in the Parks & Rec Department during the summer months to assist the full-time person in maintaining fields.

Mr. Bandazian addressed Recreation Day Camp and said this is offset by revenues. He made a motion to amend this item to add \$8,000 to the appropriation for the Recreation Day Camp; motion seconded.

Mr. Bandazian said this increase will be completely offset by an increase in revenues. As



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our new Parks & Recreation Director scrutinized the budget for the Recreation Day Camp, it was his feeling, supported by the Town Council, that it was underbudgeted by about \$8,000. The Council voted on the Recreation Director's recommendation last week to increase camp fees by \$20 a week per camper, so that the revenues will completely offset this increase in the appropriation.

Vote on motion to amend the budget by \$8,000 in the area of the Recreation Day Camp passed.

Total Municipal Budget Appropriations

Moderator Van Loan said the motion was made to appropriate \$19,965,623; we have increased that by \$8,000. We have already voted for the \$20,000. The number should be \$19,965,623 plus \$8,000. So the motion is to raise and appropriate **\$19,973,623**, which is what the original Article 5 was plus \$8,000. Vote on motion passed.

Article 7. Rescinding of Joppa Hill Bond Authorized and Unissued

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the authority to issue the \$500,000 unissued balance of the \$2,800,000 in bonds authorized under Article 3 of the 2001 Town ballot for the purposes of purchasing land known as the Joppa Hill Farm (\$2,300,000 of which bonds have already been issued).

Motion made and seconded to accept Article 7. Mr. Scanlon said when we originally proposed the bonding of the Joppa Hill Land, they were not 100% sure what revenues we would have, and we weren't sure of the exact amount that needed to be bonded, so we received authorization for \$2.8 million. After the funding came in, we only needed to use \$2.3 million of bond money to purchase the land. The way the bonding works, once we have authorization, if you do not exercise that authorization, that stays on the books forever. So basically this is a housecleaning item. We have a \$500,000 authorization for bonding that we do not need, so in order to rescind it, since it was

approved by Town Meeting, only Town Meeting can rescind it. We are asking to rescind it so we can take it off the books and not have it apply toward our borrowing capabilities. Moderator Van Loan said this does not affect your taxes.

Vote on motion passed.

Article 8. Acquisition of Pennichuck Corp. Assets

To see if the Town will vote to confirm the resolution (vote) of the Bedford Town Council adopted on February 9, 2005 that it is expedient for the Town of Bedford to establish a water plant for the production and distribution of water for municipal use, for the use of the inhabitants of Bedford and others, and for such other purposes as may be permitted, and to take, purchase, or otherwise acquire the assets of the Pennichuck Corporation – including but not limited to land, wells, and pipes – within the corporate boundaries of the Town of Bedford, pursuant to NH RSA 38:4.

Such action shall not affect any other municipal water system, village water district, or franchise area of another water utility within the corporate boundaries of the Town of Bedford.

This warrant article requires a 2/3rd ballot vote at Budgetary Town Meeting for passage.

Motion made and seconded to adopt Article 8. Mr. Scanlon explained. He said for the last 2 years the Town of Bedford along with other communities in southern New Hampshire have been meeting and have formed the Merrimack Valley Regional Water District. This came about because Pennichuck Corporation, about 2 years ago, accepted an offer to be bought out by Philadelphia Suburban, which was owned by a water corporation out of France. Our concern at the time was that we did not want a foreign company owning that resource and controlling that resource. So, over the last 2 years members of the 20+ communities that are affected got together and developed a charter for the Merrimack Valley Regional Water District. That charter was approved by that committee, and



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approved by the Secretary of State's Office. At this point 8 communities have voted, including Bedford, to join the Merrimack Valley Regional Water District which makes it an entity. The 8 communities involved are Bedford, Nashua, Litchfield, Londonderry, Amherst, Pelham, Pittsfield and Raymond. As we move forward, the voters of Nashua have authorized the City of Nashua to eminent domain the system. Nashua is moving through the process with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC), and recently some rulings were made by the Commission that said Nashua could not take the Pittsfield Aquaduct System or Pennichuck East Corporation. Bedford is currently part of the Pennichuck Corporation. As of now, the PUC has ruled that Nashua can take the assets in Bedford as part of their eminent domain process. Nashua has always contended that after they eminent domain this system they are going to turn it over to the Regional Water District. They are fronting the bulk of the cost of doing this. If they turn it over to the district, the district would repay them for those expenses as the member communities would be expecting to get repayment for the monies that we have expended.

What we are asking you to do in giving us this authorization is this will protect us if the PUC were to rule that Nashua could no longer take those assets that are within the Town of Bedford. The problem with that is if Nashua only takes the core system, which is the vast majority of the system, that would make Bedford a small stand alone system in a fractured company. Our concern is there wouldn't be the customer base that if something catastrophic happened such as when we had a water issue at Riddle Brook School and the Powder Hill development. Pennichuck had the assets and the resources to spend roughly \$850,000 of their own money to run water lines up New Boston Road to service those neighborhoods. If we were a small fractionalized company, they may not have had those assets, and in the past the way Pennichuck has grown, was that small water companies were going out of business, and they were being abandoned by companies and over time the PUC got Pennichuck to acquire these companies and make them viable again.

Our fear would be if Nashua were only to take Nashua's part of the system and leave us fractionalized off, we could potentially have some major exposure if there was an issue.

We are asking for the authorization. Statutorily if we get the authorization within 30 days we have to send Pennichuck Corporation a letter of intent that we would like to purchase the water system. They would then send us back a letter saying OK you can purchase it, here is the price. Then the law gets a little cloudy as to what our next move is. Our position at this point would be as long as our assets are included in the Nashua eminent domain case that we wouldn't exercise our authority of eminent domain, but we wanted to have this authority on the books just in case something happens with the Nashua case, that if we need to respond, we have this authorization. This is just the authority. We are not looking to spend tremendous amounts of money at this point to do this. If that were the case, we would probably have to wait until the next budget season. Also, he has talked to Nashua, and they assured him that a lot of the work they have done in this case would directly benefit and give us the information we would need, and if it was required for us to do it on our own they would certainly share that information with us.

Moderator Van Loan said in the interest of full disclosure, he is the legal counsel for the Merrimack Valley Regional Water District. He is not taking any position on this. He is not answering any questions. However, because of his position, if anyone wishes him to stand down as moderator during this discussion, he would do so.

Mrs. Tefft asked on line 3 where it refers to water for municipal use. Are we using Pennichuck Water for municipal water at the moment? If so, which Town buildings are serviced by Pennichuck? Mr. Scanlon said the only municipal buildings that are serviced by Pennichuck are the Riddle Brook School, McKelvie School, Peter Woodbury School. Mrs. Tefft asked if Memorial School is Manchester Water or Pennichuck? Mr. Scanlon believes it is Manchester Water Works. Mrs. Tefft said so Pennichuck has run pipes for



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water to some of our schools, and those are the only municipal buildings that are presently being serviced? Mr. Scanlon believes so. Our highway garage too.

Mrs. Tefft asked how much have we spent so far in legal costs to do this? Mr. Scanlon said the Town has contributed to the Regional Water District \$10,000. Mrs. Tefft asked for legal fees? Mr. Scanlon said among other things. Every community was asked to contribute \$5,000 a year to help support legal fees, drafting the charter, and other expenses. Mrs. Tefft asked what is the level of unpaid, encumbered funds that are outstanding either for legal fees or administrative expenses? Mr. Scanlon said Bedford contributed \$10,000 plus we have also contributed through use of our staff some other expenses. Mr. Scanlon believes all the legal bills are paid up to date. Mrs. Tefft asked how much is that? Moderator Van Loan said about \$50,000. That's not just Bedford; that's the entire water district. Mr. Scanlon said the moderator's firm is still representing us with the understanding that if the district is not formed, none of the communities would be liable for the billing that is occurring. If the district is formed and we are able to float the revenue bonds in order to buy the district, then those legal bills would be paid. Mrs. Tefft asked if there is any projected cost on how much this is going to be that we are going to have to float bonds to pay for? Mr. Scanlon said legislation was passed through the State that allows these bonds to be revenue bonds. We would not be pledging the assets of the Town of Bedford or any other community. It would be the district on its own that would float the revenue bonds. They would be using the revenue generated by the district in order to pay for the bonds, so there would be no liability from the Town of Bedford or any other community. Mrs. Tefft said so until somebody hooks up and actually uses water and it is metered and billed to them, is that what you are saying? Mr. Scanlon said correct. Mrs. Tefft said there would be nothing due and owing if there was no revenue generated. Is that correct? Mr. Scanlon said correct.

Mrs. Tefft asked what it would cost Bedford to go through the entire eminent domain process? Mr. Scanlon said he doesn't know. He believes the City of Nashua to date has expended about \$600,000 and in their budget they appropriated another \$100,000 for this year. But again, the scope of what they're doing is much greater than the scope of Bedford. In my preliminary discussions with representatives from Nashua, a lot of the work they have done was on the Bedford system, and they certainly would make that information available to us if it was required that we were required to move forward on our own, so much of that work has already been completed. Mrs. Tefft said and none of that \$600,000 expenditure by Nashua do we have to reimburse. Is that correct? Mr. Scanlon said no. The Town of Bedford is not obligated to reimburse Nashua. The Regional Water District, if Nashua is successful, and they purchase the system and turn the system over to the Regional Water District, the Regional Water District as well as any other community who contributed funds would be reimbursed when we issue the revenue bonds for the purchase of the Pennichuck system.

Mrs. Tefft said she has handled a lot of money in her day, and has no idea how that is going to work. Nashua has spent \$600,000, we've kicked in \$10,000 here, \$50,000 there, how much are we on the hook for is what she is trying to find out. What is the impact going to be on the Bedford taxpayers if the water district in Nashua is successful in seizing private property, i.e. Pennichuck, by eminent domain, what is the bottom line here? Mr. Scanlon said the taxpayers wouldn't be on the hook for anything. We would be floating revenue bonds which would be pledging the revenue from the water district, and that would be the assets we are acquiring. It would be the Regional Water District that would be liable for the cost associated with purchasing the water system. Mrs. Tefft said we would be getting the \$50,000 you have paid Wadleigh, Starr back? Mr. Scanlon said the district paid Wadleigh, Starr through contributions from the communities that have been involved. Every community has kicked in the same amount of money. We have asked for \$5,000 each year, and every town has



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kicked in that \$5,000, and those bills are being paid through those contributions. Our goal will be if we are successful that any community that contributed money to help purchase this system would be reimbursed. Mrs. Tefft asked who is going to pay for those bonds? Mr. Scanlon said the revenue generated by the water system – the users. It's like our sewer enterprise fund. The users that have sewer connections pay for the bonds. Mrs. Tefft asked if you are unsuccessful in the eminent domain, what happens? Mr. Scanlon said then the Town of Bedford has fronted those funds and we would not be repaid. Mrs. Tefft asked and we would not be liable for additional costs? Mr. Scanlon said no. The district is not spending money that it does not have. So, if they do not have the revenue they're not spending that money. The Moderator's firm has agreed to represent us with the understanding that if the district isn't formed and does not acquire those assets, and the revenue bonds are not issued, they would not expect the communities to pay those bills.

Ed Fahey, 167 Back River Road, said he has had Pennichuck Water. In his area there are 63 homes. You have the Three Corner area which has very dense homes built, and there is another one off 114. Should something happen that we have no water, or it's given to another area, that's going to put a lot of people in an awful bad situation.

Vote on Article 8 passed.

Roy Stewart said this requires a 2/3 ballot vote. Following a ballot vote, the results were 70 yes and 24 no, so the article passed. A 2/3 vote would have required 63 votes so the 70 vote margin resulted in a 2/3 affirmative vote.

Mr. Danielson said tonight is the last Town Meeting that Mrs. Gaudes will be with us as our Executive Assistant. She received a standing ovation.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn at 9:05 PM.

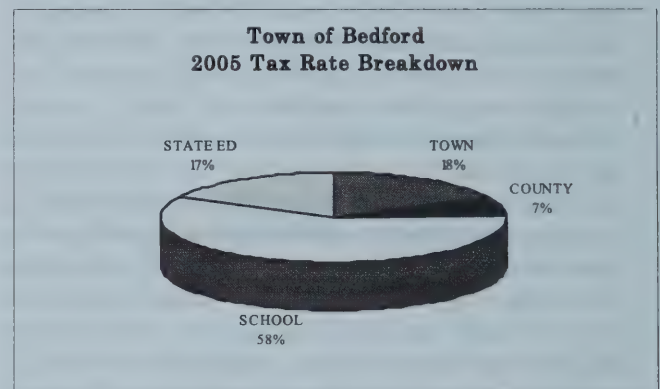
**2005 TOWN POPULATION AND
TAX RATE INFORMATION**

POPULATION – 20,760

2005 ASSESSED VALUATION: \$3,002,978,758

2005 TAX RATE per \$1,000 ASSESSED VALUE:

TOWN	\$2.71
COUNTY	\$1.10
LOCAL SCHOOL TAX.....	\$8.94
STATE EDUCATION TAX.....	\$2.69
COMBINED TOTAL TAX RATE	<u>\$15.44</u>



Percent Increase/(Decrease) Over 2004 Tax Rate

TOWN	8.4%
COUNTY	0.0%
LOCAL SCHOOL TAX.....	(4.2%)
STATE EDUCATION TAX.....	(4.3%)
COMBINED TOTAL TAX RATE	<u>(1.9%)</u>



RESULTS

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION BEDFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 8, 2005

ARTICLE 1: To Elect Necessary Town Officers

FOR TOWN COUNCIL

For ONE Year

ANDREW "ANDY" EGAN	3711
PHILIP HODSON	1418

For THREE Years

KEVIN J. KEYES	3482
"BILL" VAN ANGLIN	3462

FOR TOWN CLERK

For THREE Years

WANDA L. JENKINS	5057
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FOR TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS

For THREE Years

RYK BULLOCK	3579
"MOE" VILLENEUVE	1586

FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEE

For THREE Years

"TONY" FREDERICK	1640
KATHLEEN HENEAGE	1390
ANNE ROBERTS	1090
"MOE" VILLENEUVE	818

ARTICLE 2: PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENTS

Amendment No. 1 – Passed
Amendment No. 2 – Passed

Amendment No. 3 – Passed
Amendment No. 4 – Passed
Amendment No. 5 – Passed
Amendment No. 6 – Passed
Amendment No. 7 – Passed
Amendment No. 8 – Passed
Amendment No. 9 – Passed
Amendment No. 10 – Passed
Amendment No. 11 – Passed

For Full Text of all Zoning Amendments see the 2005 Warrant printed in the Town's 2004 Annual Report beginning on page 22.

ARTICLE 3 – Issuance of Long Term Debt for Reconstruction of Roads

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed six million five hundred thousand dollars (\$6,500,000) for the purpose of constructing a connector road between Wallace and Nashua Roads, six million dollars (\$6,000,000) of which to come from the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33, and five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) of which to come from interest earnings on the investment of these bond proceeds and to authorize the Town Council to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and take such other action as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Bedford, and pass any vote relating thereto. This article shall take effect, if and only if, Article 2 of the Bedford School District Warrant, relative to the construction of a grades 7/8 middle school/grades 9/12 high school complex passes. This article requires a two-thirds ballot vote.

YES → 4159

NO → 1544



2006 WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford in the County of Hillsborough in the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote on Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at McKelvie School on Tuesday, March 14, 2006 at 7 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following Articles 1, 2 and 3. Polls are to close no later than 7:00 p.m. Action on Article 4 will be held at the Budgetary Town Meeting on Wednesday, March 8, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the McKelvie School (108 Liberty Hill Road).

Article 1. Election of Town Officers

To elect 3 Town Councilors for three year terms, 1 Moderator for a two year term, 1 Library Trustee for a three year term, 1 Trustee of Trust Funds for a three year term and 1 Supervisor of the Checklist for a three year term.

Article 2. To see how the Town will vote on

ZONING AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE PLANNING BOARD AND CITIZEN PETITIONS:

Amendment No. 1

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance: To amend Article 45-2 DEFINITIONS, as follows:

Amend the definition of Accessory Building by adding the words shown in bold italics below:

ACCESSORY BUILDING (STRUCTURE) – A building or structure, detached from but located on the same lot, which is customarily incidental and subordinate to the principal building.
Accessory buildings shall not contain bedrooms.

[This amendment is intended to prohibit construction or conversion of detached buildings such as garages or sheds for use as separate living quarters, including guest houses or rental apartments.]

Amendment No. 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the

Bedford Zoning Ordinance: To amend Article 45-2 DEFINITIONS as follows:

Amend the definition of Travel Trailer by modifying the words as shown in bold italics below:

TRAVEL TRAILER – A ~~vehicular-type~~ portable structure without permanent foundation, which can be towed, hauled, or driven and is primarily designed as a temporary living accommodation for recreation, camping and travel use ***or a temporary working accommodation for persons engaged in adjoining construction.*** ***The words "trailer", "travel trailer", and "recreational vehicle (RV)" shall have the same meaning for the purposes of this section.***

[This amendment is intended to clarify that the ordinance provisions regarding trailers also apply to travel trailers and recreational vehicles (RVs).]

Amendment No. 3

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance: To amend Article 45-4 USE AND DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS, Section 45-4-2 (b) Uses Permitted by Right with Conditions Imposed, subsection (2) Elderly Housing, by deleting subsection (2) Elderly Housing, a. through f. in its entirety, and renumber subsection (3) Elderly Housing in Cluster Residential Developments.

[This amendment is intended to eliminate independent elderly housing at a permitted density of 28 units per acre in the Apartment Residential, Commercial, Office, Industrial Park, and Service Industrial zoning districts. The Planning Board believes that an adequate number of high-density elderly housing units have been approved to serve the need of this community. Independent elderly housing for persons 55 and older in cluster developments is still permitted in the residential zoning districts at the same density as other single-family homes. Assisted living facilities and nursing homes are still permitted in the residential zones, the Commercial zone, and the Performance zone.]

Amendment No. 4

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance: To amend Article 45-4



WETLANDS CONSERVATION ORDINANCE, by amending Sections 45-5-1 through 45-5-6 to add new provisions creating a zoning designation entitled Wetlands of Exceptional Value and creating new requirements for a 50-foot wide non-disturbance buffer plus a 50-foot building setback, for a total of 100 feet of protection around all wetlands designated as “wetlands of exceptional importance”.

[This amendment is the result of a 2-year prime wetlands study conducted by the Bedford Conservation Commission and their consultants. The study recommends additional buffering protection for 21 important wetlands in Bedford as shown on a map posted at the Town Offices and at the polling location (no wetlands in the Route 3 Corridor). The new ordinance will prohibit new structures -- including houses, swimming pools, and sheds -- from being placed within 100 feet of these wetlands of exceptional importance and will prohibit cutting of trees within 50 feet of these wetlands. See full text at Town Clerk's Office or on Town website.]

Amendment No. 5

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance: To amend Article 45-8 HISTORIC DISTRICT, Sections 45-8-2 through 45-8-11 to delete the Rules of Procedure, to delete repairs from being a regulated activity, to renumber some Sections of the ordinance, and to extend the time for completion of approved work from 1 year to 2 years.

[This amendment is intended to provide several housekeeping items, including moving the Rules of Procedure to the Historic District Regulations, and renumbering some sections of the Ordinance. The amendment will also eliminate the requirement for building repairs to obtain Historic District Approval, and extends the time to complete approved work from 1 year to 2 years. See full text at Town Clerk's Office or on Town website.]

Amendment No. 6

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance: To amend Article 45-9, U.S. ROUTE 3 CORRIDOR PERFORMANCE ZONING DISTRICT, as follows:

Amend Section 45-9-6, Permitted Uses, subsection (g), by adding the following words in bold italics: (g) Medical/dental services and related facilities, including hospitals and nursing homes ***and assisted living facilities.***

Amend Article 45-9-6 Permitted Uses, by deleting Section (m) Elderly Housing Facilities in its entirety and by deleting footnote (1), a) through e) regarding the provisions for elderly housing facilities in its entirety, and renumber footnote (2).

[These amendments are intended eliminate independent elderly housing at a permitted density of 28 units per acre in the Performance Zone, while continuing to allow nursing homes and assisted living facilities. The Planning Board believes that an adequate number of high-density elderly housing units has been approved to serve the needs of this community. Independent elderly housing for persons 55 and older is still permitted in the residential zones at the same density as other single-family homes, and nursing homes and assisted living facilities are still permitted.]

Amendment No. 7

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance: To amend Article 45-11 SIGNS, as follows:

Amend Section 45-11-1 General Provisions, (a) by adding the words shown in bold italics below:

(a) In all districts ***except the U.S. Route 3 Performance Zone***, no freestanding advertising sign shall be located less than fifty feet (50') from any side or rear property line nor less than ten feet (10') from the edge of any street right-of-way. ***In the U.S. Route 3 Performance Zone, no freestanding advertising sign shall be located less than thirty feet (30') from any side or rear property line nor less than ten feet (10') from the edge of any street right-of-way.***

[This amendment is intended to allow freestanding signs in the Performance Zone to be placed 30 feet from side lot lines, due to the narrower lot widths that are permitted in this zone.]



Amendment No. 8

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance: To amend Article 45-9, U.S. ROUTE 3 CORRIDOR PERFORMANCE ZONING DISTRICT, as follows:

Amend Section 45-9-13, Figure 45.19, Table of Performance Zone Sign Standards, by adding the words shown in bold italics below:

Any wall sign or freestanding sign located one hundred fifty feet (150') or more from the edge of any street right-of-way providing frontage to a lot may increase the sign area by utilizing a formula of:

Distance in feet/4.25 = allowable area of sign. *The distance shall be measured in a straight line from the sign location to the center point of the driveway curb cut on the lot line providing frontage for the lot. In the case of multiple driveways, the driveway entry that is used to determine the street address shall be the point of reference.*

To amend Article 45-11 SIGNS, as follows:

Amend Section 45-11-2, District Regulations for Signage, subsections (c) (4), (d) (5), (e) (3), (h) (3), and (i) (3), by inserting the words shown in bold italics below:

Any wall sign or freestanding sign located one hundred fifty feet (150') or more from the edge of any street right-of-way providing frontage to a lot may increase the sign area by utilizing a formula of:

Distance in feet/4.25 = allowable area of sign. *The distance shall be measured in a straight line from the sign location to the center point of the driveway curb cut on the lot line providing frontage for the lot. In the case of multiple driveways, the driveway entry that is used to determine the street address shall be the point of reference.*

[This amendment is intended to explain how to measure the distance between a sign and the front lot line in order to calculate the extra square footage bonus for signs that are set far back from the roadway.]

Amendment No. 9

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the

Bedford Zoning Ordinance: To amend Appendix 45-A TABLE OF USES, subsection Public/Institutional, by adding the words shown in bold italics below:

Nursing Homes *and Assisted Living*

[This amendment is intended to include Assisted Living Facilities in the same category of permitted uses as Nursing Homes. Assisted Living Facilities will be permitted in the Residential & Agricultural, General Residential, Commercial, and Performance zoning districts with the same restrictions as apply to Nursing Homes.]

Amendment No. 10

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 10 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance:

Delete Appendix 45-E INNOVATIVE STREET TYPES AND USES in its entirety.

[This amendment is a housekeeping item that intended to eliminate old road design standards that were associated with Traditional Neighborhood Developments. The TND ordinance was deleted from the Zoning Ordinance on March 12, 1996.]

Amendment No. 11

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 11 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance: Amend Article 45-4-3 DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS, by adding the new section shown in bold italics below:

*(2) Incentive Bonus Dimensional Standards
In recognition of the need to protect the overall integrity and character of the Route 101 highway corridor, as well as to promote a system of access management for properly servicing parcels within this highway corridor, Incentive Bonus Standards have been created as a means for rewarding those who choose to voluntarily develop their properties in a way that is most compatible with the stated goals of the Route 101 Corridor Study, 2002.*

a. Deeded Rights-of-Way

1. Land Abutting Route 101

Individuals who voluntarily agree to provide easement deeds over that portion



of their land that is zoned Commercial or Commercial with Historic District Overlay and is within fifty feet (50') of the present centerline of Route 101, thereby reserving this easement area for future widening or similar improvements, may be compensated by being allowed to develop the remainder of their property to an extent greater than that allowed by the maximum impervious coverage requirements otherwise permitted by Figure 45.1, footnote (18) of the Table of Dimensional Standards. The amount of excess impervious coverage can be calculated by the formula shown in Figure 45.2.

2. Land for Future Service Roads

Individuals who voluntarily agree to provide fee simple deeds over that portion of their land that is zoned Commercial or Commercial with Historic District Overlay and is shown on a plat approved by the Bedford Planning Board for a new municipal service road to facilitate access management for Route 101, may be compensated by being allowed to develop the remainder of their property to an extent greater than that allowed by the maximum impervious coverage requirements otherwise permitted by Figure 45.1, footnote (18) of the Table of Dimensional Standards. The amount of excess impervious coverage can be calculated by the formula shown in Figure 45.2.

3. Land for Shared Access Driveways

Individuals who voluntarily agree to provide easement deeds over that portion of their land that is zoned Commercial or Commercial with Historic District Overlay and is shown on a site plan approved by the Bedford Planning Board for a shared access driveway to facilitate access management for Route 101, may be compensated by being allowed to develop the remainder of their property to an extent greater than that allowed by the maximum impervious coverage requirements otherwise permitted by Figure 45.1, footnote (18) in the Table of Dimensional Standards. The amount of

excess impervious coverage can be calculated by the formula shown in Figure 45.3.

[This amendment is intended to encourage land owners to deed land for widening Route 101 and for providing shared driveways through commercial properties along Route 101. The density bonus would offer some compensation for land voluntarily deeded for road improvements and shared driveways. See full text and diagrams at Town Clerk's Office or on Town website.]

ZONING AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED BY CITIZEN PETITION:

Amendment No. 12

Are you in favor of this amendment to the Town of Bedford zoning ordinance proposed by citizens petition, as follows:

To amend Article 45-3 ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS, Section 45-3-2, Location of Districts, as follows: To amend the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Bedford, New Hampshire by Rezoning Tax Map #22, Lot #45 from the Residential and Agricultural Zone (R&A), to the Route 3 Corridor Performance Zone (PZ). Said **Tax Map #22, Lot #45**, is a triangular shaped parcel of land consisting of 2+ acres, with existing buildings thereon with street address of 13 Back River Road, Bedford, New Hampshire, and with its entire frontage running in a southwesterly direction along the western line of Back River Road opposite Dunkin' Donuts and the Lowes/Target entrances (which entrances are located on the eastern line of Back River Road). Said parcel abuts the Village Green Condominium on its northern line, and abuts the New Morning School on its western line. This amendment is intended to expand the Route 3 Corridor Performance Zone to provide uniformity of PZ zoning to the Route 3/Back River Road intersection area. The owner of record is Peter E. Duriga, Trustee of the Duriga Family Trust.

Amendment No. 13

Are you in favor of this amendment to the Town of Bedford zoning ordinance proposed by citizens petition, as follows:

Amend Article 45-4-3 Dimensional Regulations, Figure 45.1, Table of Dimensional Regulations, to



reduce the maximum permissible building footprint from 40,000 square feet to 20,000 square feet, as follows:

Amend Footnote #17 to Figure 45.1 Table of Dimensional Regulations, by revising the first sentence to read as follows:

“Each Building in the Commercial Zone without a Historic District overlay shall be limited to twenty thousand square feet (20,000s.f.) per floor.”

THE FULL TEXT OF ALL PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE PLANNING BOARD AND PROPOSED BY CITIZEN PETITION is on file for public viewing at the Bedford Town Clerk’s Office, 24 North Amherst Road during regular business hours, and on the Town of Bedford web site at www.bedfordnh.org.

Article 3. Issuance of Long Term Debt for Construction of a Connector Road

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed six million five hundred thousand dollars (\$6,500,000) for the purpose of constructing a connector road between Wallace and Nashua Roads, including, to the extent necessary, the acquisition of land and easements and related costs and expenses; six million four hundred thousand dollars (\$6,400,000) of which to come from the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33, and one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) of which to come from interest earnings on the investment of these bond proceeds and to authorize the Town Council to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and take such other action as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes as shall be in the best interest of the Town of Bedford, and pass any vote relating thereto. Issuance of bonds and notes by the Town Council is contingent upon the School District and the Town Council negotiating a fair share contribution for the costs associated with this project based on a rational nexus study. This article requires a two-thirds ballot vote.

TOWN ARTICLE 4 WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE BUDGETARY TOWN MEETING ON MARCH 8, 2006 AT THE MCKELVIE SCHOOL (108 Liberty Hill Road).

Article 4. Town Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing year.

General Fund	\$18,192,710
Police Special Detail	476,520
Recreation Day Camp	152,123
Bedford Comm. TV	213,000
Special Revenue Funds	60,250
Sewer Fund	2,549,999

Total Appropriation \$21,644,602

The Town Council approved this warrant on February 8, 2006.

Given under our hands and seal this 8th day of February 2006.

*Kevin Keyes, Chairman
William Van Anglen, Vice Chairman*

2006 Town Council Proposed Municipal Budget Summary

There is a tax increase in the Town portion of property taxes of \$0.14 to support the 2006 budget. The Town portion of the tax rate will be \$2.85 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Highlighted below are the projects and/or equipment included within departmental budgets that will continue to allow for the quality service that the residents of Bedford have come to expect. Additional costs in the budget are funded through cost savings elsewhere and new revenues.

- The Town Council budget includes \$700,000 for the acquisition of land, if a parcel becomes available during the year. This amount is totally offset by revenue.



Also included is \$286,810 for the principal and interest payments as well as an additional principal reduction \$25,565 for the Joppa Hill parcel.

- The Election and Registration budget increase is due to an increase in elections in 2006.
- The Finance and Personnel budget includes increased funding for the annual audit to comply with new national auditing standards. Also included is \$10,000 to be deposited into the Financial Software Capital Reserve account.
- The Information Technology budget includes the replacement of 16 PCs as recommended by the Information Technology Master Plan accepted by the Town Council.
- The Assessing budget includes a \$10,000 Capital Reserve deposit for the 2008 valuation update.
- The Planning Department budget includes \$5,000 to increase a part time position from 20 to 25 hours per week and \$30,000 capital reserve deposit for the town wide master plan.
- The Town Hall budget includes \$35,000 to replace the windows, \$10,000 of which is offset by revenue.
- The Safety Complex budget includes increased utility expenses now that there is a tenant renting space. This amount is offset by revenue.
- The Fund Balance Reserve budget was established in 2005 to address the long-term financial stability of the Town and funding continues in 2006 with an appropriation of \$353,749.
- The Police Administration budget includes \$17,500 for the police master plan and \$30,000 for any grants received. The grants are offset completely by revenue.
- The Police Detective budget includes \$25,000 for an expected retirement of a detective.
- The Fire Operations budget includes two additional firefighter to be hired in April 2006, a fire inspector to be hired in July 2006 and the possibility of hiring two additional firefighters during 2006 as recommended by the fire master plan study.

- The Public Works Road Resurfacing / Reconstruction budget includes \$976,000 for the principal and interest payment of the existing road bond and \$1,024,000 for the reconstruction, rehabilitation and resurfacing of Town roads. Public Works will also spend approximately \$3 million of the 2005 Road Bond during 2006.
- The Public Works Highway budget includes \$350,000 for the purchase of three dump trucks, \$101,760 of which is offset by revenue. There is an additional \$220,000 budgeted to be deposited into various Capital Reserve accounts.
- The Winter Maintenance budget increase addresses the increased cost in both winter sand and salt.
- The Transfer Station budget includes \$100,000 capital reserve deposit for future renovations and \$162,720 for the landfill bond payment.
- The Recreation Pool budget includes \$7,500 for increased pool hours.
- The Recreation Field budget includes \$95,000 to rehabilitate the County Road tennis courts, \$23,000 for a pickup truck and \$12,000 for a mower. There is a revenue offset of \$12,875 for the equipment.
- The Library budget includes funding to keep the Library open on Sundays. Also included is continuance of a Capital Reserve for building repairs in the amount of \$34,700, increases to property repairs, books and periodicals and \$172,938 for the Library bond payments.
- The Conservation Commission budget includes \$436,571 towards the purchase of conservation land if any becomes available. This amount is offset by revenue.

Overview of Proposed Connector Road Location – Article 3

To give the current residents an appreciation of how the Route 101 corridor has been studied over the years, a chronological summary has been provided for your information. The studies identified below were all prepared with involvement of a large numbers of Bedford



residents and business owners. The “quick fix” of additional traffic signals has been eschewed in favor of careful access management strategies. The citizens of Bedford have not been supportive of traffic signals at Chestnut Drive or Nashua Road, as demonstrated by the numerous studies prepared over the years. Please take a moment to review the information provided below to better inform you on the history of Route 101.

- **1962-63 Master Plan** – Recommended building a new 4-lane limited access Route 101 highway that would be parallel with the existing highway. No intersections with side streets and no traffic signals were proposed. Nashua Road, Meetinghouse Road, and Old Bedford Road would have passed under the proposed highway. Existing Route 101 would become a local service road. A by-pass of Route 101 from the Amherst border to Route 3 was also considered.
- **1979-80 Master Plan** - No relocation of Route 101 had occurred, so the master plan recommended selective widening of Route 101 and future signalization at Wallace Road and Meetinghouse Road. A new “Town Center” along Route 101 was proposed with a pedestrian trail that would cross under Route 101 at Nashua Road.
- **1989 Route 101 Corridor Study** – Recommended reducing the existing curb cuts on Route 101 and recommended that local roads be prohibited from connecting directly to Route 101. Bell Hill Road would become a cul-de-sac off of Route 101 to prevent access to and from the Town Center to Route 101, and Bedford Center Road and Shaw Drive would be disconnected from Route 101. A future traffic signal was again recommended at Wallace Road, as well as upgrades for the signal at Meetinghouse Road. While the Study speculated that at some future time, traffic growth might require signalization at Jenkins Road and Joppa Hill Road, the report states that “Clearly, a proliferation of traffic signals along the Route 101 corridor would not be consistent with the ‘movement’ function of Route 101.”
- **1990 Master Plan** – Due to increasing traffic, this master plan recommended preparing a

feasibility study to once again consider building a Route 101 by-pass along the southern border of Bedford that would connect to the F.E. Everett Turnpike. The plan noted that residents must use and cross Route 101 for daily activities, and that crossing the highway has become extremely hazardous for pedestrians and bicycles. The master plan also recommended that the Planning Board prohibit the creation of any new commercial zones along Route 101 until such time as the highway system could accommodate the increased commercial traffic (the Planning Board did “take the pledge” and consistently recommended disapproval of all re-zoning proposals submitted for Route 101). No new traffic signals were proposed in this plan.

- **1993 Bedford Long-Range Hike and Bike Plan** – Prepared by the Bedford Land Trust and Bedford Planning Department for inclusion in the Regional Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan for the Southern NH Planning Commission area as part of the State of NH Long-Range Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan. The plan observed that a safe pedestrian/bicycle route for children is needed to link the Library, the Little League fields, Riley Field, McKelvie School, and Peter Woodbury School. Designs for both a culvert underpass and a pedestrian overpass were considered.
- **1994** – Bedford Land Trust makes presentation to Town Council in March of 1994 requesting a pedestrian culvert underpass be constructed at the intersection of Bell Hill Road/Nashua Road with Route 101. Bedford Police Chief objects to culvert design. Local designer Leo Urban provides a new “arched underpass” schematic. In June, 1994, Town Council requests that the NH D.O.T. make safety improvements at Bell Hill Road and Nashua Road due to misalignment with Route 101 and also create a separated-grade pedestrian crossing. Asst. Commissioner Leon Kenison sends a written reply stating that these improvements are of a greater magnitude than typical safety improvements and should be included in the State’s 10-Year Highway Plan.
- **1997** – D.O.T. Project Director Robert Greer writes to SNHPC Director Moni Sharma



stating that the D.O.T. will support the inclusion of widening Route 101 from Constitution Drive to Wallace Road in the 10-Year Highway Plan. Engineer and Bedford resident Jim Lamp designs a new pedestrian bridge and cross-section for the Bell Hill Road/Nashua Road crossing.

- **2000 Master Plan** – The topic that generated the most citizen discussion was the negative impact that Route 101 has on how Bedford functions as a community. The highway was viewed as a wedge that divides the town in half, both physically and socially. Residents wanted to create a “village center” on Route 101 and they prepared numerous sketches of pedestrian bridges and tunnels as ideas for providing a safe crossing point to link the two sides of the new village center. The master plan recommended that a new Route 101 corridor study be prepared, with focus on the possibility of a Route 101 bypass, grade-separated crossings of the highway or depressing a portion of Route 101 (the little Dig), and highway landscaping improvements.
- **2002 Route 101 Corridor Study** – Town Council created a committee of 30 residents and business owners along Route 101. Study found that a southern Route 101 by-pass was no longer feasible due to land development. Recommendations included widening Route 101 to 4 lanes, a landscaped center median between Meetinghouse Road and Wallace Road to give a “village center” identity and prevent unprotected left turns from the commercial driveways, a pedestrian and local traffic overpass at Nashua/Bell Hill Road, and future traffic signals only at Jenkins Road and Joppa Hill Road. When Amherst, Milford, and Wilton joined the corridor study, these towns objected to any new traffic signals in the regional corridor. There was final consensus that Bedford would not recommend any traffic signals other than Jenkins and Joppa Hill. Instead, a “connector road” was proposed to link Wallace Road to Nashua Road to facilitate egress from businesses and to provide a route to a traffic signal for motorists on Nashua Road. The only change demanded by Bedford residents at the final public hearing was to relocate the proposed

connector road from the old Class VI portion of County Road to a location nearer Route 101.

2005 Traffic Impact Assessment for High School/Middle School – This study found that a second means of access to the new school complex (in addition to Nashua Road) would be necessary for acceptable traffic movement. The study recommended that the new connector road to Wallace Road be constructed “...as soon as possible and prior to opening of the schools. The connector road provides a key role in access management plan and is badly needed today”. The Traffic Study Subcommittee of the School District recommended that the connector road be located along the northerly side of the proposed school. The report stated that if the connector road was not built prior to opening of the schools, then costly interim improvements might have to be made to Route 101, including the possibility of an emergency traffic signal at Nashua Road, which would have to be removed later.



2006 PROPOSED REVENUES

DEPARTMENT	2005 APPROVED BUDGET	2005 REVENUES 12/31/05	2006 TOWN MANAGER RECOMMENDED	2006 TOWN COUNCIL APPROVED
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
TOWN COUNCIL	500,000	-	500,000	700,000
TOWN COUNCIL - JOPPA HILL	327,250	306,449	312,375	312,375
TOWN MANAGER	22,000	20,461	22,000	22,000
ELECTIONS AND REGIST.	50	75	100	100
TAX COLLECTOR	12,616,312	12,802,377	13,147,163	13,310,627
TOWN CLERK	26,000	37,218	39,500	39,500
FINANCE/PERSONNEL	990,344	1,506,699	1,110,315	1,185,315
PLANNING BOARD	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
ZONING BOARD	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMM.	500	500	500	500
PLANNING	1,500	1,100	1,500	1,500
TOWN HALL	4,500	3,013	4,000	4,000
PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX	144,528	142,047	135,264	135,264
CEMETERIES	15,000	15,600	12,000	12,000
POLICE				
Administration	171,500	100,224	120,400	125,400
Patrol	80,635	69,311	61,020	61,020
Detectives	25,000	-	25,000	25,000
Subtotal Police	277,135	169,535	206,420	211,420
FIRE				
Administration	357,150	330,274	465,990	465,990
Operations	-	-	5,000	5,000
Building Inspection	247,000	304,610	250,500	250,500
Subtotal Fire	604,150	634,884	721,490	721,490
PUBLIC WORKS				
Administration	487,582	509,542	517,582	517,582
Highway - Capital Reserve Transfers	46,994	49,091	72,097	122,097
Transfer Station	263,421	258,893	250,244	250,244
Subtotal Public Works	797,997	817,526	839,923	889,923
GENERAL ASSISTANCE	1,000	3,829	2,000	2,000
RECREATION				
Administration	66,500	65,239	27,750	27,750
Programs	56,000	41,877	56,000	56,000
Fields - Capital Reserve Transfer	-	6,880	12,875	12,875
Pool	53,000	57,296	54,500	54,500
Subtotal Recreation	175,500	171,292	151,125	151,125
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	370,000	300	404,841	436,571
TOTAL 2006 GENERAL FUND REVENUES	16,930,766	16,689,904	17,667,516	18,192,710
ENTERPRISE FUNDS				
Police Special Detail	437,350	440,314	448,738	476,520
Recreation Day Camp	139,090	138,134	147,623	152,123
Bedford Community Television	198,500	207,995	213,000	213,000
Sewer Fund	2,183,917	1,013,086	2,177,999	2,549,999
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND				
Other Special Revenue Funds	104,000	104,000	60,250	60,250
TOTAL 2006 MUNICIPAL BUDGET REVENUES	19,993,623	18,489,434	20,715,126	21,644,602



2006 PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS

DEPARTMENT	2005 WORKING BUDGET	2005 EXPENDED YTD 12/31/05	2006 MANAGER RECOMMENDED	2006 COUNCIL APPROVED
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
TOWN COUNCIL	523,129	20,270	522,562	722,562
Joppa Land Purchase/Payments	327,250	306,449	312,375	312,375
TOWN MANAGER	247,522	245,175	211,636	211,486
ELECTIONS AND REGIST.	18,774	20,587	53,797	53,797
TAX COLLECTOR	122,736	121,788	125,761	126,261
TOWN CLERK	77,259	76,375	79,815	79,815
FINANCE/PERSONNEL	278,457	275,878	291,426	291,426
INFORMATION SYSTEMS	248,591	247,133	239,297	239,297
ASSESSING	120,140	119,697	130,810	133,810
LEGAL EXPENSE	55,000	75,208	65,000	65,000
PLANNING BOARD	30,889	27,794	29,203	28,703
ZONING BOARD	5,501	5,673	6,741	6,641
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMM.	574	1,953	1,362	1,462
PLANNING	251,459	252,512	272,056	278,056
TOWN HALL	15,400	16,321	53,000	54,000
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	174,333	196,976	181,013	183,513
PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX	250,292	262,475	253,106	258,306
CEMETERIES	38,900	35,723	36,200	36,200
INSURANCE	1,347,100	1,334,753	1,476,100	1,353,100
NH MUNICIPAL ASSOC.	15,265	15,638	16,000	16,000
SOUTHERN NH PLANNING	12,714	12,714	13,200	12,900
MANCH. TRANSIT AUTH.	40,800	40,500	40,800	40,800
TOWN PUBLICATIONS	4,800	2,980	4,800	4,800
**COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENTS	-	-	167,532	154,099
FUND BALANCE RESERVE	430,000	430,000	353,749	353,749
UNALLOCATED RESERVE	65,000	52,077	100,000	225,000
POLICE				
Administration	331,930	313,412	333,316	358,316
Communications	339,220	313,378	357,620	357,620
Patrol	1,561,917	1,576,888	1,623,502	1,620,302
Detectives	388,346	359,163	378,358	405,778
Animal Control	31,859	48,512	34,574	31,781
Subtotal Police	2,653,272	2,611,352	2,727,370	2,773,797
FIRE				
Administration	248,525	213,111	195,705	195,705
Operations	1,562,143	1,562,631	1,684,830	1,865,983
Building Inspection	118,383	118,910	120,471	120,471
Health Department	18,225	9,689	19,563	19,563
Emergency Management	100	308	200	-
Hydrant Rental	168,000	177,153	175,000	185,000
Subtotal Fire	2,115,377	2,081,802	2,195,769	2,386,722



2006 PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS

DEPARTMENT	2005 WORKING BUDGET	2005 EXPENDED YTD 12/31/05	2006 MANAGER RECOMMENDED	2006 COUNCIL APPROVED
PUBLIC WORKS				
Administration	218,980	238,171	224,137	224,137
Road Resurfacing/Reconstruction	2,000,000	1,857,863	2,000,000	2,000,000
Highway	1,523,330	1,515,094	1,520,077	1,565,077
Winter Maintenance	354,324	519,890	489,081	489,081
Traffic Control	64,300	64,435	75,000	78,700
Solid Waste	1,405,937	1,363,429	1,454,440	1,454,440
Subtotal Public Works	5,566,871	5,558,881	5,762,735	5,811,435
GENERAL ASSISTANCE	17,500	3,721	15,000	15,000
SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY	8,600	8,545	8,600	9,600
RECREATION				
Administration	89,748	88,186	91,704	91,704
Programs	77,196	75,833	82,375	82,375
Pool	74,020	76,188	86,053	87,553
Fields	379,298	385,283	310,622	315,622
Subtotal Recreation	620,262	625,489	570,754	577,254
LIBRARY	870,278	859,909	937,919	931,986
TOWN EVENTS	4,200	2,181	4,200	4,200
CONSERVATION COMM.	372,520	23,576	407,828	439,558
TOTAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS	16,930,766	15,972,107	17,667,516	18,192,710
ENTERPRISE FUNDS				
Police Special Detail	437,350	424,217	448,738	476,520
Recreation Day Camp	139,090	127,442	147,623	152,123
Bedford Community Television	198,500	194,060	213,000	213,000
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SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
Other Special Revenue Funds	104,000	104,000	60,250	60,250
TOTAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS	19,993,623	17,500,585	20,715,126	21,644,602

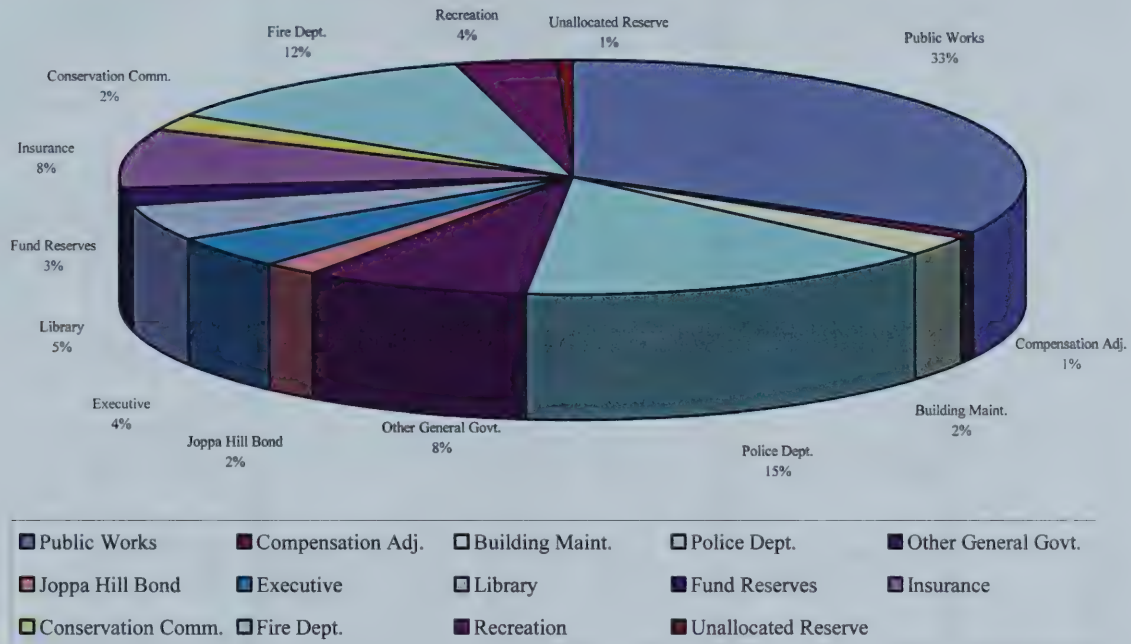
****COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENT:** The Town originally budgeted \$167,532 for compensation adjustments during 2005. This amount is distributed throughout the departments at year end to cover the costs of union contract increases, salary adjustments and merit raises given during the year.

Debt Service Payments (*principal and interest*) are included in the above proposed budget in the following departments:

Town Council:	\$286,810	Public Safety Complex:	\$139,481	Landfill Closure:	\$167,200
Road Resurfacing:	\$976,000	Library:	\$172,938	Sewer Enterprise:	\$185,483



2006 PROPOSED BUDGET BREAKDOWN



BEDFORD TAX VALUATIONS/RATES

1991 THROUGH PRESENT

YEAR	TAXABLE VALUATION	CHANGE IN VALUATION	TAX RATE per \$1000	TAX RATE BREAKDOWN			
				TOWN	COUNTY	SCHOOL	STATE ED
1991	1,159,258,214	13,487,982	17.22	2.48	1.64	13.10	
1992	1,173,772,864	14,514,650	17.47	2.53	1.72	13.22	
1993	1,195,310,400	21,537,536	17.85	2.53	1.86	13.46	
1994	1,236,413,255	41,102,855	17.76	2.59	1.76	13.41	
1995	1,281,763,269	45,350,014	17.76	2.59	1.90	13.27	
1996	1,315,999,904	34,236,635	17.99	2.59	2.00	13.40	
1997	1,387,656,824	71,656,920	18.56	2.59	1.87	14.10	
1998	1,457,530,853	69,874,029	18.39	2.71	1.77	13.91	
1999	1,545,320,034	87,789,181	17.25	2.71	1.72	6.81	6.01
2000	1,643,252,340	97,932,306	18.30	2.71	1.76	8.18	5.65
2001	1,721,025,413	77,773,073	19.11	2.71	1.78	8.46	6.16
2002	1,792,937,256	71,911,843	19.56	3.23	1.79	8.67	5.87
2003	1,846,056,597	53,119,341	20.34	3.29	1.71	9.47	5.87
2004	2,929,901,304	1,083,844,707	15.74	2.50	1.10	9.33	2.81
2005	3,002,978,758	73,077,454	15.44	2.71	1.10	8.94	2.69

TOWN OF BEDFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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PROJECT OR EQUIPMENT AND SOURCES OF REVENUE By Department	Est. Capital Reserve Bal. @ 12/31/05	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
I. GENERAL GOVERNMENT											
A. Records Retention		10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
B. Town Office Building Reserve	23,063	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
C. Land Purchase Reserve	594,046	700,000	(if offsetting revenue is realized)								
D. Accounting Software	40,925	10,000	85,000								
E. Capital Reserve Withdrawal			(50,925)								
F. Commertial Reassessment	-	10,000									
G. Joppa Hill Bond Payments	-	286,610	277,610	268,410	259,210	249,780	240,005				
H. Blade Server	-	6,000	15,000								
I. Capital Reserve Withdrawal			(6,000)								
II. POLICE DEPARTMENT											
A. Radio System Reserve	20,232	16,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	166,000	20,000	20,000
B. Safety Complex Bond									(144,232)		
C. Safety Complex Reserve	11,716	139,481	137,181	129,881	122,406	119,781	111,894	108,894	100,894	92,925	
D. Patrol Vehicle Replacement		5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
E. Motorcycle - Patrol		78,500	81,600	84,900	88,300	91,900	95,500	99,300	103,300	107,500	107,500
F. Capital Reserve Withdrawal			12,000	22,000	11,000	11,000	23,000	12,000	12,000	24,000	13,000
G. Portable Radios		9,000	9,000	(12,000)	9,000	9,000	(22,000)	9,000	70,000	(24,000)	
H. Capital Reserve Withdrawal									(63,000)	10,000	10,000
III. FIRE DEPARTMENT											
A. Ambulance Reserve	109,610	130,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	160,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	185,000	60,000
B. Fire Equipment Reserve	50,267	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	(150,000)	25,000	25,000	25,000	(180,000)	25,000
C. Fire Engine Replacement	60,267	35,000	35,000	35,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	375,000	40,000	40,000
D. Fire Substation			225,000	225,000	650,000				(325,267)		
E. New Quint Fire Engine			200,000	200,000	600,000						
F. Capital Reserve Withdrawal					(400,000)						
IV. RECREATION											
A. Pool Heating System		12,500									
B. Parks Equipment - Various	12,875	35,000	140,500	40,000	60,000	17,000	50,000	80,000	30,000	5,000	15,000
C. Playground Reserve	10,672	(12,875)	95,000								
D. Trail Design, Maintenance, Signage		1,000	(10,672)				25,000				
E. Selvoski Field			40,000								
F. Little League Complex			155,000	115,000							
G. Tennis Courts		95,000									
H. Town Hall Windows		35,000	30,000								
I. Legacy Skateboard Park			94,000								
J. Replacement Vehicles			1,000,000								
K. Parks Building			80,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
L. Field Development & Repairs											
V. LIBRARY											

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PROJECT OR EQUIPMENT AND SOURCES OF REVENUE	Est. Capital Reserve Bal. @ 12/31/05	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
By Department											
A. Library GOB		172,938	165,288	157,581	153,988	145,150	141,700	133,031	129,150	125,125	125,125
B. Roof Replacement (2017)	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900
C. Capital Reserve Withdrawal											
D. Vinyl Siding (2010)	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	60,000	(60,000)				
E. Capital Reserve Withdrawal											
F. Interior Painting (2009)	3,700	3,700	3,700	3,700	15,000						
G. Capital Reserve Withdrawal											
H. Well Replacement (2009)	6,200	6,200	6,200	6,200	25,000	(14,800)					
I. Capital Reserve Withdrawal											
J. Parking Lot Repairs (2014)	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300	(24,800)	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300	30,000	
K. Septic System (2016)	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800
L. Capital Reserve Withdrawal											
M. Carpet Replacement (2015)	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800	48,000
N. Capital Reserve Withdrawal											(48,000)
VI. LAND USE											
A. Master Plan	40,214	30,000	30,000	130,000	201,000	201,000	201,000	201,000	201,000	201,000	201,000
B. Capital Reserve Withdrawal				(100,214)							
C. Route 3 Improvements	8,744		200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
D. Route 101 Improvements			100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
VII. SOLID WASTE											
A. Solid Waste Backhoe	2,660	10,000	10,000	10,000	15,000	15,000	84,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
B. Capital Reserve Withdrawal							(65,000)				
C. Landfill Closure Bond		162,720	158,240	153,760	149,280	144,800	140,320	135,840	131,360	126,880	122,400
D. Transfer Station Improvements		100,000	605,000								
E. Capital Reserve Withdrawal			(100,000)								
F. Transfer Station Equipment	72,057	70,000									
G. Capital Reserve Withdrawal		(70,000)									
VIII. PUBLIC WORKS											
A. Road Maintenance/Drainage		1,024,000	1,044,800	1,065,600	1,087,000	1,110,000	1,135,000	1,161,000	1,187,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
B. Add'l Road Maintenance from Bonding		4,000,000	4,000,000	4,000,000							
C. Road Bond #1 Repayment (2003)		976,000	955,200	934,400	913,000	890,000	865,000	839,000	813,000		
D. Drainage Improvements		100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
E. Traffic Signal Improvements	10,053	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
F. Pickup Trucks	25,234	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
G. One-Ton Trucks		60,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
H. Six Wheel Dump Trucks	51,760	200,000	500,000	200,000	100,000	200,000	500,000	300,000	100,000	100,000	200,000
I. Capital Reserve Deposit		50,000	100,000	50,000	150,000	250,000	150,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
J. Capital Reserve Withdrawal		(57,160)	(50,000)	(100,000)	(50,000)	(150,000)	(250,000)	(150,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)
K. Ten Wheel Dump Trucks	50,000	150,000	(50,000)	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	120,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
L. Capital Reserve Withdrawal		(50,000)						(100,000)			
M. All Purpose Tractor	11,271	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	82,633	10,000	10,000
N. Capital Reserve Withdrawal									(81,271)		
O. Front-end Loader	46,235	25,000	107,675	50,000	78,000	201,000	201,000	201,000	78,000	201,000	201,000
P. Capital Reserve Withdrawal			(71,235)		(50,000)				(60,000)		
Q. Loader/Backhoe	65,463		81,000	15,000	15,000		81,000				
R. Capital Reserve Deposit		15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
S. Capital Reserve Withdrawal			(80,463)				(75,000)				

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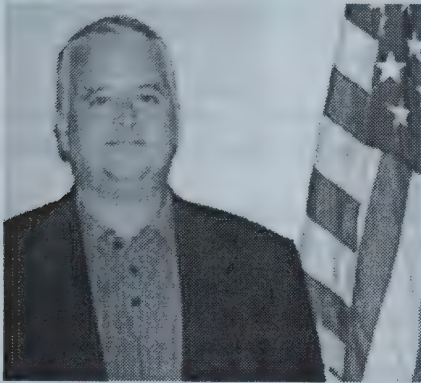
PROJECT OR EQUIPMENT AND SOURCES OF REVENUE		Est. Capital Reserve Bal. @ 12/31/05	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
By Department												
K	Sweeper	58,250	25,000	25,000	116,600 (108,250)	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	116,600 (100,000)	25,000	25,000
L	Capital Reserve Withdrawal Roadside Mower/Tractor	55,374		70,000 (55,374)	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
M	Capital Reserve Withdrawal Hydroseeder			10,000	16,995 (10,000)							
N	Capital Reserve Withdrawal Truck Lift	20,000	45,000 (20,000)									
O	Capital Reserve Withdrawal Compressor	42,415		45,000 (42,415)	7,500	10,000	10,000	10,000	48,000 (45,000)	10,000	10,000	10,000
P	Capital Reserve Withdrawal Chipper	5,000	5,000	5,000	2,500	2,500	21,020 (20,000)	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Q	Capital Reserve Withdrawal Mechanics Equipment	337	13,600 (337)	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
R	Capital Reserve Withdrawal Grader	20,000	20,000	75,000	75,000	220,000 (170,000)	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
S	Capital Reserve Withdrawal Sidewalk Reserve	11,317										
T	Building Addition	23,695										
TOTAL MUNICIPAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES (total expenditures less capital reserve Withdrawals)			8,643,267	10,845,710	8,470,363	4,335,884	3,884,231	4,071,719	3,668,365	3,460,467	3,363,730	3,429,225
PROJECTED NET ASSESSED VALUATION (projected annual growth \$70m/\$50m after 2009)			206	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
		3,004,901,304	3,165,048,343	3,235,048,343	3,305,048,343	3,375,048,343	3,425,048,343	3,475,048,343	3,525,048,343	3,575,048,343	3,625,048,343	3,675,048,343
TAX RATE IMPACT OF CAPITAL PROJECTS (total capital expenditures/assessed valuation) * 1000			2.73	3.35	2.56	1.28	1.13	1.17	1.04	0.97	0.93	0.93

IX. ENTERPRISE FUNDS - Sewer and BCTV		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
(does not affect general fund expenditures or the tax rate)											
A.	Sewer System Improvements	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
B.	Sewer Capacity Reserve	371,322	500,000 (446,322)								
C.	Capital Reserve Withdrawal										
D.	1992 Sewer Bonds	189,958	183,938	187,812	186,212	189,238	186,606	183,531			
	School Cable Drops - BCTV	12,000									

NOTES: RED = Capital Reserve Deposit BOLD = Projected Equipment/Project Cost



TOWN COUNCIL



Kevin Keyes, Chairman

I'd like to begin the 2005 Chairman's message by expressing my thanks to my fellow Town Council members for providing me with the opportunity to serve in the role of chairman. Thanks to the dedication and commitment exhibited by all members of the council, 2005 was an exceptional year for the Town of Bedford. Perhaps the single best event that we experienced was the opportunity to welcome our friend Andy Egan back to his well-deserved seat at the table. During Andy's short time on the council, he has demonstrated an unyielding determination to always do what was best for the Town. We have all benefited from the level of knowledge and experience he brings to our debates, and we appreciate his passion, commitment and feistiness.

Much was accomplished in 2005, yet many goals and objectives still remain. 2005 saw a substantial increase in the quality and quantity of road reconstruction projects throughout the town. The voter's overwhelming support of the 2005 \$12,000,000 road bond was a mandate that clearly shows the need to continue the program of repair and reconstruction that began in 2002. Major projects undertaken in 2005 included full reconstruction of Jenkins Road, major work in the center of town, as well as reclamation and overly work on over 7 miles of neighborhood roads. Overall, feedback has been very positive on the quality of this long overdue work. Our ability to commit to multi-year projects, thanks to the bond authorization granted by the voters, has allowed us to get much more competitive bid pricing, thereby accomplishing far more work with fewer tax dollars.

2005 also saw a major overhaul of the town's Parks and Recreation Department. One of the primary objectives of this year's council was to broaden the scope and reach of this department. Our new director, Craig Sanderson, has done a tremendous job of reaching out to seniors, as well as other passive recreation users in order to maximize the utilization of all of our town resources. Our newly formed Senior Advisory

Committee was recognized by the Manchester Regional Area Council on Aging as a model program for New Hampshire communities, the first time this type of award has ever been granted to a town the size of Bedford. We continue to be committed to providing expanded programs for members of the senior community, and encourage anyone with any programming ideas to contact Craig or his staff directly.

With the pending construction of a new High School in town, coordination between the Town Council and the School Board has become much more critical. Thanks to the efforts of outgoing School Board Chairman Dan Sullivan, and Superintendent Ann Remus, lines of communication between various town departments, the Town Council, and the School District were always open and accessible. We held numerous joint meetings with the School Board to discuss a wide range of issues affecting the entire town. Continued efforts to communicate and work collaboratively are crucial as we move forward.

Another major project undertaken during 2005 was the review and analysis of the Town's Fire Department by outside consultants. During the March, 2005 Town budget hearing, the Council committed to taking a long term, broad based look at the needs of the Fire Department. To that end, we engaged the services of Municipal Resources Inc. (MRI), to provide us with an unbiased review of the Fire Department operations, and a set of recommendations for future improvements. Not surprisingly, the MRI report came back indicating that we have an exceptionally dedicate and professional fire department, manned by top quality leadership and staff. A number of recommendations were made, primarily on the areas of staffing levels, equipment and facilities. Several of the MRI recommendations are included in the budget presented here tonight, and others are included in long range planning objectives established by the Fire Department and the Town council.

In closing, I'd be remiss if I did not express my thanks to the Town Manager, Department heads, and all the fine employees who work so hard to make our lives a little easier. We are very fortunate to have such high quality people working for the Town of Bedford. It has been a pleasure to serve as Chairman of the Town Council this year. Along with my fellow councilors, I have enjoyed the opportunity to address the needs of the citizens of Town, and we all look forward to continuing to earn your trust and confidence over the next few years.



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Keith R. Hickey, Town Manager

2005 was another busy and successful year. Bedford continues to be a growing community and with that growth comes the challenge of providing the residents the high level of service that they have come to expect.

Residential development slowed over the past year but the commercial development more than made up for it. The Target and Lowe's site opened in the fall and has been a wonderful addition to the community. Any initial concerns about traffic problems from the site were successfully addressed. Assisted living developments are now being constructed along the Route 3 corridor.

The road reconstruction program continues to be a success, recently completing its third year under the bonding program. Over the past year, portions of Meetinghouse and North Amherst roads were reconstructed. This project improved many of the intersections and addressed safety concerns along the roadway while keeping the look and feel of the Historic District. Over the past three years, the Department of Public Works has made great strides in improving the road network in Town. I would like to thank everyone who has been inconvenienced by the road construction for your patience and understanding.

On behalf of the employees of the Town of Bedford, thank you for allowing us to serve you. We all strive to provide a positive experience when you come in contact with any Town employee. If anyone has any suggestions on how the Town can serve you better, please feel free to call or e-mail me.

MEET YOUR DEPARTMENT HEADS



Back Row from Left to Right: Scott Wiggin, Fire Chief; Craig Sanderson, Parks & Recreation Director; Bill Ingalls, Assessor; Brian Davis, IT Manager; David Bailey, Police Chief; Jim Stanford, Public Works Director
Seated from Left to Right: Mary Ann Senatro, Library Director; Crystal Dionne, Finance and Personnel Director/Tax Collector; Keith Hickey, Town Manager; Wanda Jenkins, Town Clerk; Karen White, Planning Director



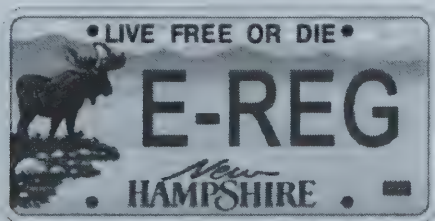
FINANCE, PERSONNEL AND TAX COLLECTION DEPARTMENTS

Crystal A. Dionne, CPA - Director

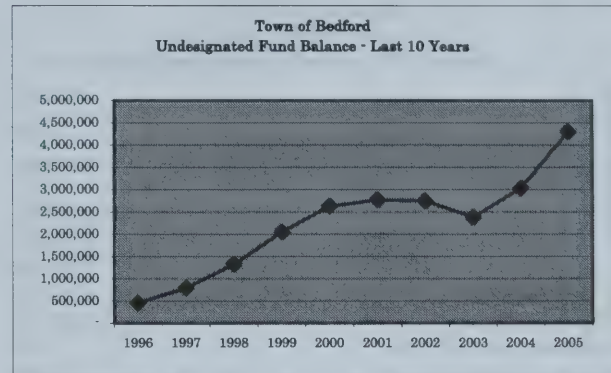
OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

During 2005, the Town portion of the tax rate increased \$0.21, or 8.4% from \$2.50 to \$2.71 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The increase in the tax rate is due primarily to the adoption of a fund balance reserve policy, which the Town Council established funding for in the amount of \$430,000 as well as general inflationary increases in operating costs. It is important to note that the property tax rate consists of four individual tax rates; town, county, school and state education. For any given year, the Department of Revenue Administration finalizes this rate in September. Therefore, the first half tax bill represents an estimate of your tax liability. Once the rate is set, the second half tax bill is adjusted to reflect this change in rate. It is also important to note that property taxes are due each July 1st and December 1st. Payments received subsequent to these dates are subject to a statutory interest charge.

The Tax Collector's office is also responsible for all motor vehicle registrations. In December of 2005, this office launched a new initiative in connection with services provided by a third party vendor whereby residents can renew their motor vehicle registrations online. Residents can now access their motor vehicle renewal information online through the Town's website. It is important to note that this convenience service is available to straight vehicle renewals only, at the current time. Just look for the E-Reg license plate on our website and follow three easy steps.



Renew your MV Registration Online
It's as easy as 1, 2, 3!



FINANCE AND PERSONNEL

The Finance Department put forth a considerable amount of effort during 2005 to prepare the Town's first Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the 2004 calendar year. This report combines the Town's audited financial statements with a complete management analysis of the Town's financial health as well as various statistical tables, which provide valuable information for the last ten years. The Finance Department was able to submit the CAFR report to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for their review under the guidelines of the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting program. We are pleased to announce that our first report was awarded this prestigious award. Receipt of this award represents the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by the government and its management. Furthermore, the GFOA awarded the Town's Director of Finance an Award of Financial Reporting Achievement as the individual primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR. A replica of the GFOA Certificate is included within this annual report and a copy of the CAFR is available upon request.

As always, a special thank you goes out to my staff in both the Finance and Tax Collection offices. Each of you has taken on a significant increase in your workload over the years to accommodate a continually growing community and you have done so without hesitation or question. I commend each of you for your dedicated, tireless efforts and I am proud to have you as members of my staff.



Town of Bedford, NH – 2005 Annual Report

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer: Edith Schmidtchen
Assistant Treasurer: Daniel Murphy

Town Funds

Balance January 1, 2005	\$11,323,028
Receipts:	
Tax Collector	50,985,326
Town Offices	5,288,031
Interest Earned	590,722
Total Receipts:	56,864,079
Total Available:	68,187,107
Disbursements:	
Town Charges	17,134,483
County	3,321,573
School District	34,861,376
Total Disbursements:	55,317,432
Balance December 31, 2005	\$12,869,675

Escrow Accounts Various Depositors

Balance January 1, 2005	\$4,196,781
Receipts	842,697
Disbursements	(1,409,340)
Interest Earned	33,672
Balance December 31, 2005	\$3,663,810

Summary of Tax Lien Accounts

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2005

	2004	2003	2002	Prior
Unredeemed Liens				
January 1, 2005		75,531	42,318	0
Liens Executed				
In 2005	310,976			
Collections During				
Fiscal Year 2005	210,765	59,438	42,318	0
Unredeemed Liens				
December 31, 2005	100,211	16,093	0	0

Tax Collector's Report

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2005

	2005	2004
Uncollected Taxes,		
January 1, 2005:		
Property Taxes	-	1,233,311
Current Use	-	138,332
Yield Taxes	-	795
Sewer Rents	-	192,921
Taxes Committed,		
Fiscal Year 2005:		
Property Taxes	46,191,449	-
Current Use	515,040	-
Yield Taxes	4,765	-
Sewer Rents	712,634	-
Overpayments:	73,224	-
Interest on		
Delinquent Taxes:	114,028	-

Totals: \$47,611,140 \$1,565,359

Collections During Fiscal Year 2005:

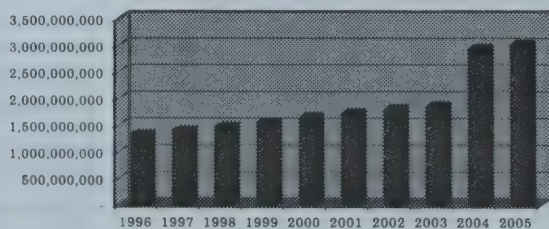
Property Taxes	44,853,447	867,194
Current Use	455,040	114,845
Yield Taxes	4,765	795
Sewer Rents	487,473	192,921
Interest	114,028	-
Liens Executed	-	310,976
Overpayments	73,224	-
Abatements:		
Property Taxes	10,274	55,141
Sewer	6,115	-

Uncollected Taxes, December 31, 2005:

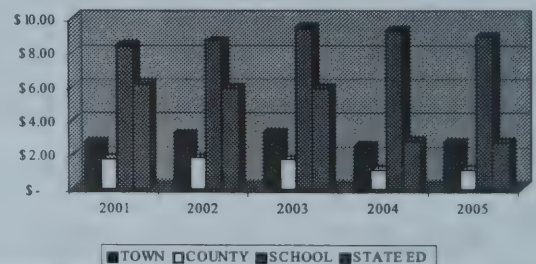
Property Taxes	1,327,728	-
Current Use	60,000	23,487
Yield Taxes	-	-
Sewer Rents	219,046	-

Totals: \$47,611,140 \$1,565,359

**TOWN OF BEDFORD
TAXABLE VALUATION - Last 10 Years**



**Town of Bedford
Tax Rate History 2001 - 2005**





STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT 12/31/05

Year	Principal	Interest	Total
1992 Sewer Bonds (1998 refinance)			
2006	140,000	49,958	189,958
2007	140,000	43,938	183,938
2008	150,000	37,812	187,812
2009	155,000	31,212	186,212
2010	165,000	24,238	189,238
2011	170,000	16,606	186,606
2012	175,000	8,531	183,531
Total	\$ 1,095,000	\$ 212,295	\$ 1,307,295

1994 Public Safety Complex Bonds (2004 refinance)			
2006	115,000	24,481	139,481
2007	115,000	22,181	137,181
2008	110,000	19,881	129,881
2009	105,000	17,406	122,406
2010	105,000	14,781	119,781
2011	100,000	11,894	111,894
2012	100,000	8,894	108,894
2013	95,000	5,894	100,894
2014	90,000	2,925	92,925
Total	\$ 935,000	\$ 128,337	\$ 1,063,337

2001 Joppa Hill Land Purchase			
2006	230,000	56,810	286,810
2007	230,000	47,610	277,610
2008	230,000	38,410	268,410
2009	230,000	29,210	259,210
2010	230,000	19,780	249,780
2011	230,000	10,005	240,005
Total	\$ 1,380,000	\$ 201,825	\$ 1,581,825

2003 Road Reconstruction Bond			
2006	800,000	176,000	976,000
2007	800,000	155,200	955,200
2008	800,000	134,400	934,400
2009	800,000	113,000	913,000
2010	800,000	90,000	890,000
2011	800,000	65,000	865,000
2012	800,000	39,000	839,000
2013	800,000	13,000	813,000
Total	\$ 6,400,000	\$ 785,600	\$ 7,185,600

1999 Landfill Closure Bond			
2006	100,000	62,720	162,720
2007	100,000	58,240	158,240
2008	100,000	53,760	153,760
2009	100,000	49,280	149,280
2010	100,000	44,800	144,800
2011	100,000	40,320	140,320
2012	100,000	35,840	135,840
2013	100,000	31,360	131,360
2014	100,000	26,880	126,880
2015	100,000	22,400	122,400
2016	100,000	17,920	117,920
2017	100,000	13,440	113,440
2018	100,000	8,960	108,960
2019	100,000	4,480	104,480
Total	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 470,400	\$ 1,870,400

1995 Library Bond (2004 refinance)			
2006	135,000	37,938	172,938
2007	130,000	35,288	165,288
2008	125,000	32,581	157,581
2009	125,000	28,988	153,988
2010	120,000	25,150	145,150
2011	120,000	21,700	141,700
2012	115,000	18,031	133,031
2013	115,000	14,150	129,150
2014	115,000	10,125	125,125
2015	110,000	6,119	116,119
2016	110,000	2,063	112,063
Total	\$ 1,320,000	\$ 232,133	\$ 1,552,133

Grand Total Bonded Debt:

\$ 12,530,000 \$ 2,030,590 \$ 14,560,590



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Town Council and Town Manager
Town of Bedford
Bedford, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Bedford as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004 which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Bedford as of December 31, 2004, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Bedford's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. They have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information are not a required part of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

The introductory section and statistical section have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

March 11, 2005

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TOWN OF BEDFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

**Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2004**

	General Fund	Capital Project Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 16,864,296	\$ 4,307,706	\$ 1,753,803	\$ 22,925,805
Investments	3,391,069		945,361	4,336,430
Receivables, net:				
Taxes	1,396,488			1,396,488
Accounts	256,903		40,015	296,918
Interfund receivable	154,692		535,552	690,244
Prepaid items	231,597			231,597
Total assets	<u>\$ 22,295,045</u>	<u>\$ 4,307,706</u>	<u>\$ 3,274,731</u>	<u>\$ 29,877,482</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 283,909	\$ 215,785	\$ 1,206	\$ 500,900
Accrued payroll and benefits	183,155			183,155
Retainage payable	31,868	179,899		211,767
Intergovernmental payable	16,376,558			16,376,558
Interfund payable	535,552		311,917	847,469
Other current liability	21,611			21,611
Deferred revenue	1,233,281			1,233,281
Total liabilities	<u>18,665,934</u>	<u>395,684</u>	<u>313,123</u>	<u>19,374,741</u>
Fund Balances:				
Reserved for encumbrances	306,540	2,437,204	217,314	2,961,058
Reserved for endowments			25,243	25,243
Reserved for special purposes		1,474,818	1,939,975	3,414,793
Unreserved:				
Designated for compensated absences	97,353			97,353
Designated for contingency	200,000			200,000
Unreserved, undesignated reported in:				
General fund	3,025,218			3,025,218
Special revenue funds			779,076	779,076
Total fund balances	<u>3,629,111</u>	<u>3,912,022</u>	<u>2,961,608</u>	<u>10,502,741</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 22,295,045</u>	<u>\$ 4,307,706</u>	<u>\$ 3,274,731</u>	<u>\$ 29,877,482</u>



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Carla E. Perry

President

Jeffrey R. Emer

Executive Director



PLANNING BOARD

Paul Drahnak, Chairman

New commercial development proposals continued to come before the Planning Board at a healthy pace during 2005, with 141,947 square feet approved. In addition to new applications, the Board saw many developments come back for modifications to their previous approvals. Commercial construction occurred in the Route 3 Corridor at an unprecedented rate for a single year, after approval of 454,397 square feet in 2004. Hawthorne Drive experienced five construction projects underway at the same time, including Faith Christian Center, Riverwalk elderly condominiums, Bedford Pediatrics medical offices, Bentley Commons Assisted Living, and a new substation for PSNH. The Target and Lowe's shopping center on Route 3 was also completed.

Predictably, new residential subdivisions are on the decline as vacant land becomes more scarce in Bedford. Only 71 new lots were approved by the Planning Board, and a subdivision of 21 lots was withdrawn before recording in the Registry of Deeds. Therefore, the final tally of lots created was reduced to 51 lots for 2005. Last year, 60 new lots were created.

Final approval was granted for:

- 14 Subdivision plans – 71 new residential lots (21 lots withdrawn) = 53 lots
- 5 Lot Line Adjustment plans
- 1 Home Occupation Permit
- 15 Site Plans = 141,947 sq. ft. of new commercial/industrial space
- 1 Site Plans = 68 elderly condominiums
- 1 Site Plan = 85 units of assisted living
- 1 Site Plan – 49,355 sq. ft. church with accessory buildings
- 1 Site Plan – 130 foot high cellular tower
- 12 Change of Use Site Plans
- 18 Miscellaneous plans – concepts, design review, modifications to approved plans

Major developments included:

- Phase 2 of Atherstone Subdivision – 31 residential lots off of Campbell Road
- Phase 10 of Greenfield Farms – 21 residential lots off of Bailey's Green (withdrawn)

- Sandhu Properties – 25,774 sq. ft. retail shopping center on South River Road
- Bentley Commons – 85-unit elderly assisted living facility on Hawthorne Drive
- Windsor Place – 68-unit elderly condominium building on Meetinghouse Road
- Haigh-Farr - 26,920 square feet of R&D industrial space on Autumn Lane

PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT

Karen White, AICP, Director

Development Trends

Commercial/industrial development for 2005 experienced a reduction over the last two years in Bedford with approval of 141,947 square feet. The planning staff was still busy with other commercial/industrial development, performing approximately 45 site inspections of completed commercial/industrial developments during 2005. The planning staff also spent an unprecedented amount of time dealing with construction and erosion control violations and change requests for site plans. Residential growth remained fairly consistent with the approval of 71 residential building lots, just 17 more than last year but still well below an average of 125 new residential lots per year during prior years. The Planning Board also approved 153 units of elderly housing in 2005.

A new traffic signal and turning lane at Route 3 and North Hawthorne Drive was finally approved by the NH Department of Transportation. Widening of the intersection for the north bound and southbound approaches took place this fall with funds paid by the developer of the Hawthorne Drive subdivision and contributions by the developer of Target & Lowe's for off-site road improvements.



(Walgreens – Route 101)



Boards, Commissions, & Committees

The Planning Department continues to provide staff liaison support to the following Boards, Commissions & Committees: Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Conservation Commission, Historic District Commission, Water & Sewer Advisory Committee, Merrimack Valley Regional Water District, Community Technical Assistance Program, Metropolitan Planning Technical Advisory Committee, Bedford Village Common Committee, Joint Loss Management Committee, and the Hazard Mitigation Committee.

Prime Wetlands Mapping

The Prime Wetlands Subcommittee of the Conservation Commission, with assistance from the planning staff, reviewed drafts of the Prime Wetland Study and ultimately voted to accept the Prime Wetland Study as prepared by VHB. The Conservation Commission also scheduled a workshop in order to complete draft changes to the existing Wetland Ordinance (precipitated by the results of the Prime Wetland Study) and presented those draft changes to the Planning Board in the form of proposed zoning amendments.

The Planning Department worked closely with school administration this year in review of a proposed 336,000 square foot middle school/high school. The Planning Department also worked with the School Board and the Town Council on a proposed connector road.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Sandra LaMontagne, Chairman

The Zoning Board of Adjustment has the authority to act in four separate and distinct categories: Appeal from Administrative Decision; Requests for Special Exceptions; Request for Variances and Equitable Waivers of Dimensional Requirements. The Board can grant any of the above items, where justified, but cannot amend the zoning ordinance or map. The Zoning Board of Adjustment is made up of 5 full members, one of which is a Town Councilor and 3 Alternate members. All of which are appointed by the Town Council.

Zoning ordinances involve more unusual conditions and extenuating circumstances than other land use regulations. Boards of Adjustment are established to provide for the satisfactory resolution of many of these situations without burdening the courts.

In 2005, the Zoning Board of Adjustment reviewed 56 applications for variances, special exceptions, equitable waivers and administrative appeals. This is about the same number of applications as last year.

The Zoning Administrator handles all public inquires regarding zoning questions and advises citizens on application procedures. Karin Elmer, Planner I, attends our meetings and provides information to Board members on the applications. All meetings are open to the Public. The Board hears evidence for and against variances, appeals from administrative decisions, and requests for special exceptions and equitable waivers. After hearing the evidence, the Board discusses the requests and votes in public session.

Applications for the Zoning Board of Adjustment and their meeting schedule are available at the Town Offices and are also available on line at the Town of Bedford website at www.bedfordnh.org. Minutes of all meetings are also available at the Town of Bedford website. All applications are required to be submitted 14 days prior to the anticipated hearing date.

SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE PLANNING

The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission has a wide range of services and resources available to help the dues-paying members deal with a variety of municipal issues. Technical assistance is provided by a professional staff whose expertise is, when necessary, supplemented by consultants who are selected for their specialized skills or services. Each year, with the approval of your appointed representatives, the Commission staff designs and carries out programs of area-wide significance that are mandated under New Hampshire and federal laws or regulations, as well as local projects which would pertain more exclusively to your community.



Technical assistance is provided in a professional and timely manner by staff at the request of your Planning Board and/or the Board of Selectmen. The Commission conducts planning studies and carries out projects that are of common interest and benefit to all member communities, keeps your officials apprised of changes in planning and land use regulation and, in conjunction with the New Hampshire Municipal Association, offers training workshops for Planning and Zoning Board members on an annual basis.

Services that were performed for the Town of Bedford during the past year are as follows:

- 1) Co-sponsored the Municipal Law Lecture Series, which were attended by Bedford officials;
- 2) Conducted traffic counts at thirty seven (37) locations in the Town of Bedford and forwarded data to the Town's Planning Director;
- 3) Hosted Development of Regional Impacts, Review of Growth Management and Impact Fee Ordinances for SNHPC Planners' Roundtable Meetings, which were attended by Bedford officials;
- 4) Reviewed traffic impact studies for proposed developments in the Town;
- 5) Hosted a Water Supply Planning Forum, October 12th, 20005 at PSNH attended by Bedford officials;
- 6) Hosted a Brownfields Grant Application Initiative on November 29th at PSNH attended by Bedford officials;
- 7) Facilitated I-93 Expansion meetings with NHDOT which were attended by Bedford officials;
- 8) Participated in Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce Regional Infrastructure Summit which was attended by Bedford officials;

Bedford's Representatives to the Commission are: David J. Danielson (Executive Committee), Edward P. Moran, Harold Newberry, Lori Radke (Alternative)

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Doris Peck Spurway, Secretary/Trustee

The Board of Trustees, Ralph Wiggin, Chairman; Donald Folsom, Trustee; Doris Peck Spurway, Sec./Trustee, held ten (10) meetings in 2005.

Lot sales included 16 of which three were on-place lots; six were two-place lots, and six were four-place lots. Burials included 16 cremations and 15 at full burials. Currently there are three awaiting

a spring burial. There were 8 transfers or replacement documents issued.

A Bedford Boy Scout repaired and straightened over 20 of the old gravestones in the Joppa Cemetery as an Eagle Scout project. We are most grateful for the help in keeping our cemeteries neat and attractive.

Bedford maintains four cemeteries in the Town as well as the Walker Monument off South River Road. There is also a section in the Center Cemetery, which is maintained by a private cemetery association dating back to the 18th century.

All cemeteries are closed to the public from snow until April 1. For information, contact one of the trustees.

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Dorothy L. Witzel, Chairperson
Laura Dunn, M. Elaine Tefft

As of December, 2005, the voting list recorded 3,050 Democrats 6,887 Republicans and 4,622 Undeclared, for a total of 14,559 registered voters.

The Supervisors hold evening and Saturday sessions for registration of voters, as well as corrections to the checklist, before each election. These sessions are posted in the Town Office, the Library, and published in local newspapers. Residents may also register, correct or change their party at the Town Offices during regular office hours. Eligible residents are also allowed to register to vote at the polls on voting days.

The Supervisors wish to thank Wanda Jenkins, Town Clerk, and her staff for handling the majority of registrations.

BEDFORD VILLAGE COMMON COMMITTEE

The Bedford Village Common is a 9.44 acre parcel of land, owned by the town, in the heart of the Historic District. The development of the park is being done in phases, overseen by the Bedford Village Common Committee. The 2005 year has been spent clearing trees and overgrown vegetation, researching trail development, performing wetlands studies and developing a



master plan for the Common. The committee made presentations to the Historic District Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission and the Town Council. The committee requested, and was granted, a \$2,000 charitable donation from the Bedford Garden Club to help fund the landscaping of the park. With the support of the Town Council, plans for the 2006 year include additional landscaping buffers along private property lines, initial development of walking trails, installation of electrical service in two locations, a parking plan and signage for the Common. The BVCC remains committed to providing volunteer assistance to the Town to develop this park for the benefit of the citizens of our community. The Bedford Village Common Committee includes Beverly Thomas (Chair), Jayne Spaulding (Vice-Chair), Jeanene Procopis (Secretary), Anne Cruess (Landscape/Design Consultant), Kristin Desmarais, Andy Egan (Town Council), Nancy Larson (Planning Department), Lori Radke (Town Council-Alternate) Tom Riley, Mervyn Taub, Craig Sanderson (Parks & Recreation Director).

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Historic District Commission met 13 times during 2005. The Commission approved 14 commercial signs, 2 commercial renovations, 4 landscape changes, 2 new residential buildings, 6 residential renovations, 2 residential additions, 3 residential fences and 1 pool. A total of 37 applications were filed and heard.

The Historic District Commission continued its work to update both the Historic District Commission Regulations and Rules or Procedure. However no changes were made during this calendar year. Updates are expected during the first part of 2006. The commission drafted proposed changes to the Bedford Zoning Ordinance 45-8 (Historic District). These changes will be brought up for public discussion early in 2006 and then placed on the ballot in March of 2006 if approved by the Zoning Board.

The Historic District Commission continued to identify properties within the Historic District where violations of the regulations had been

observed. These violations were brought to the attention of the Zoning Department.

From January through May of 2005 Gregor Zimmermann served as Chairperson of the Historic District Commission with Paula Pease as Vice-Chairperson. Other members of the Commission include Beverly Thomas, Lori Radke representing the Town Council, and Harold Newberry representing the Planning Board. Alternates include William Jean, Anne Hoffman and Timmie Maine Miller. In June Gregor Zimmermann, Beverly Thomas were reappointed to the Historic District Commission by the Town Council. William Jean was promoted from an alternate position to a regular member and Andrew Noyes joined the commission as an alternate member. Both Anne Hoffman and Paula Pease left the commission. Gregor Zimmermann as reelected Chairperson and Beverly Thomas was elected Vice-Chairperson. Other members of the commission include Lori Radke representing the Town Council, and Harold Newberry representing the Planning Board and alternate Timmie Maine Miller. The commission has had one alternate position open since June.

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

William H. Ingalls, Assessor

During 2005, the Town of Bedford continued to experience growth, at a rate just higher than the 2003 – 2004 year amount of 2% (after equalizing the 2003 assessed value before the revaluation) with the total assessed town value increasing 2.5% since the end of 2004. Total assessed values are as follows:

Residential	\$2,509,604,201
Com/Ind	\$479,715,700
Utilities	\$20,401,264
Exempt	\$78,154,378
Total	\$3,087,875,543

Property tax exemptions and credits totaled \$6,742,407.

The total assessed value of any property-residential or commercial, not completed by April 1, 2005 will not be reflected in the above listed amounts; the numbers include state of completion of all property as of April 1.



The total number of property conveyances in Bedford as reported by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue was 634; this is 28 fewer or about 4% less than in 2004. Rising interest rates, global concerns, and to a smaller extent the much higher cost of fuel due to the 2005 hurricane season, have served to slow certain segments of the Bedford real estate market in the second half of the year. Overall however, property values as reflected by actual sales have continued to increase. Commercial activity continued with the completion of the Target & Lowe's buildings, and the substantial completion of the French/Atwood Marketplace. In addition construction began for a new retail strip where the Bedford Motor Inn used to be, and for two office buildings also either directly on or just off Route 3. As we get closer to the construction and completion of the airport bypass road at the southern end of Route 3, we should see increased interest and demand for property in the South River Road area. So while surrounded by predictions of market corrections in many metropolitan markets around the country, Bedford has managed to hold its own overall. Housing starts may be down from previous years, but actual sales prices of land, new construction, and existing housing are not declining. Time will tell how the Bedford market reacts to the current climate in comparison to surrounding communities.

As of December 31, 2005, the classifications of specific property types are as follows:

Single Family Residence	6127
Residential Vacant	573
Residential Mobile Home	6
Residential Condominiums	539
Commercial/Industrial Improved	518
Commercial/Industrial Vacant	51
Exempt	245
Utilities	27
Total	8086

The year 2005 marked the beginning of Bedford's ongoing data re-verification and inspection program for the next complete valuation update presently scheduled for 2008. In order to satisfy the "value anew at least once every five years" requirement of the State Constitution, the Assessor's Office will continuously re-verify and re-inspect properties throughout town each year. Physical property characteristics either missed or changed will be added or removed from properties;

this way, we can avoid a majority of the cost of another revaluation and use the most up to date information as possible. We ask and thank you for your continued cooperation and assistance in this important matter.

Public access computer terminals are available in the assessing lobby along with tax maps for property research. Copies of records are available for a nominal fee. Assessment information can also be accessed online at www.visionappraisal.com. Assessing office hours are 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Another significant year for this Commission has seen us working strenuously on seeing the Prime Wetland Survey through to completion. This comprehensive study of the Town's major wetland systems was done by Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., local environmental engineers. They surveyed every wetland in town according to the fourteen criteria as laid out by the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. This allowed them to identify the 20 most significant wetlands in the Town.

The Conservation Commission has drafted revisions to the current wetland ordinances to permanently protect these 20 significant wetlands by increasing the non-disturb areas around these wetlands by an additional 50 feet. These revisions will hopefully be on the March 2006 ballot.

There were 13 dredge and fill permits that came before us this year (compared to 18 in 2004), totaling 2.09 acres (4.51 acres in 2004). This total includes a 15,476 sq ft pond that was re-excavated to preserve it as a pond and so was not filled at all, but still required a permit. The Commission received easements on 9.6 acres as mitigation for one project, plus the Bedford School Board placed easements on some of their lands to compensate for the fills on the new school site.

I would like to express my thanks to the conscientious members of the Commission who volunteer to serve this town and devote countless hours to this vital work. The Commission is also endlessly grateful to the Town staff who assisted us so professionally, especially Karin Elmer who is a font of expertise and knowledge, and the



Town Manager who is always available to us with advice and support.

The Commission again thanks Richard Moore who with his band of volunteers, continue their valuable work in caring for Pulpit Rock. Their labor is much appreciated as this is a most valuable resource in Town.

It is our intention this year to try and raise public awareness of the importance of preserving the Town's wetlands. They are the primary source for the clean water we use, and provide a critical function in filtering the rain and snow run-off. It is essential that we protect these resources.

Pulpit Rock Subcommittee

The Pulpit Rock Subcommittee of the Conservation Commission is charged with overseeing and managing Bedford's Pulpit Rock Conservation Area. Pulpit Rock committee members include Richard Moore, Bill Ewing, Peter Delano, Bill Burns, Clark Gott, Ray Landry, Doug Pryce, Eric Soederberg, Barbara Tufts, and Conservation Commission representative, Jeffrey Nelson. Our thanks are extended to those who have helped out in past years at the Pulpit for our annual workdays, and we would welcome help this year. Also, anyone who would like to learn more about the birds, trees, geology, and history of the area, is welcome to join us for one of our Education Days. This year the Pulpit Rock workday is scheduled for Saturday April 15. Please check the Bedford newspapers, for specific details, rain dates, or possible schedule changes, and for information about our education day.

BEDFORD PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND COMMISSION

Don Foster - Chairman
Craig Sanderson - Director

The Bedford Parks & Recreation Department's mission is to improve the quality of life of the residents of Bedford by providing recreation programs and facilities that are safe, enjoyable, and beneficial.

To help achieve this mission, the Department has a full-time staff of three - a director, program coordinator, and maintenance supervisor. Parks

& Recreation also employs a part-time secretary, three part-time laborers, 14 seasonal pool staff and 19 summer camp staff.

2005 was a year of change and transition for the department. In January, Craig Sanderson started as director replacing Brian Ross, and Paula Talmanson replaced Alyce Irons as secretary. In February, a new website was launched - BedfordRecOnline.com - to assist the department better communicate with residents and improve our ability to manage program registration and field/facility reservations.

During the spring months, the Parks & Recreation Commission and Town Council revised the Town's field use policy to clarify the guidelines for scheduling and use of fields and facilities. Additionally, during the summer the Department & Commission began a comprehensive effort to develop a master plan for the Town's active and passive park and recreation facilities. This effort has included hosting several public meetings, creating an online planning survey, and will result in a final master plan document to be published in early 2006.

This year, the Department initiated an effort to improve its outreach to the older adult population of the community. In July, the Town's first Adult/Senior Advisory Committee was established to provide guidance and assistance on ways to improve and/or expand the activities, programs and services the Town offers to adults and seniors of the community. Thus far, the Committee has created a Resource Guide, listing many of the public and private activities, services and organizations available to Bedford residents, and started the Bedford Walkers Group. The Committee also began work on a survey that it plans to mail to all residents ages 50+ in early 2006. This survey will be a tremendous help in the Town's effort to better serve residents as it works to expand programs to enhance the cultural, recreational, educational, health, social and civic activities for Bedford's adults and seniors.

Parks Maintenance projects this year included installing a fence at the Joppa Hill Field, affixing shields to the lights at Chubbuck Ballfield, erecting a fence at the Town Pool to separate the main and splash pools, installing lockers at the



pool building, and beginning the renovation of the Legacy Park rectangular field. This project, which includes the installation of lights and reconstruction of the field sub-base and playing surface, will be completed in 2006.

Additionally, private organizations constructed storage/equipment sheds for the girls youth softball and Bedford Barracudas swim teams, respectively, at the Town Recreational Complex. Than Moore assisted the swim team by managing an Eagle Scout project to install a concrete walkway and pad to the swim team shed. And, Rob Kelley coordinated the construction and installation of a new directional sign at the entrance to the park as part of his Eagle Scout Project. Lastly, the Cross Country Ski Club started an expansion project on the Warming Hut this fall to construct permanent restroom facilities at Legacy Park.

Thanks to Wayne Harressey and the Parks Maintenance crew for assisting with overseeing these projects and for an excellent job maintaining the Town's parks, fields and facilities this year.

Under the supervision of Jane O'Brien "aka Miss Jane", the Department ran numerous programs and special events for Bedford children and families, including WinterFest, SpringFest, Sweetheart Dance, Come Out and Play Night, Halloween Spook-tacular, five seasonal-themed parties, Little Koala playgroup, craft classes, cooking classes, Sporties-4-Shorties, Play & Learn, and Santa Calls & Letters. Additionally, the Department offered the following instructional programs: Mud Camp, tennis, archery, ballroom dancing, scrapbooking, table tennis, bridge, and exercise classes.

The Department also coordinated the Annual Pre-Memorial Day Parade, which had a record 34 entries; the 15th season of the Family Cultural Series which drew approximately 1150 attendees for the six Tuesday night performances; the 11th Annual Bedford Olde Towne Day which was a huge success following last year's rainout, and the 14th annual Holiday Bright Lights Contest.

Several new programs were also introduced this year, including: foreign language classes, Little Sneakers Day Camp, Wacky, Wet & Wild pool

parties, Kid Chef, Wiggles & Giggles, and Bedford Walkers Group.

A special thanks to Jane for coordinating each of these programs and events and to all our sponsors and volunteers who made them possible.

The summer was busy with the Department's eight-week summer day camp, swim lessons, and daily pool operations. More than 100 campers per week participated in a variety of games, crafts, activities and day trips at Camp Passaconaway. Thanks to Camp Director Michelle Brisson and the entire camp staff for a fun, safe & enjoyable camp season, and to Principal Ken Williams and the staff at Peter Woodbury School for hosting us again this year.

The Town Pool was open for 76 days this summer with hours through Labor Day weekend. The pool accommodated an average of 221 swimmers per day; more than 450 kids attended swim lessons; and close to 200 pool passes were sold. Thanks to Jane O'Brien for managing the pool operations this summer and the entire staff of lifeguards and swim instructors for a safe and successful season.



The Bedford Village Common Committee met monthly throughout 2005 to continue the planning of the Town center park. In December, the Committee presented a conceptual master plan to the Town Council that illustrates the possible uses and layout of the Common. The Committee will work to identify phasing options and cost estimates for the plan in 2006.

The Parks & Recreation Department and entire Bedford community was saddened by the sudden loss of Parks & Recreation Commission member



Michael Carbonneau, a dedicated volunteer, leader and public servant, in July. Our thoughts are with the Carbonneau family.

In closing, we want to say “*thank you*” to those who sponsored or donated to the programs, activities or events of the Parks & Recreation Department. It takes a community effort to make Bedford a better place to live. Many individuals, organizations and businesses did their part to make it all possible. Our sincere appreciation to the following supporters for their assistance this year:

Blake’s Creamery
Bedford Men’s Club
Bedford Neighbors Club
Bedford Girl Scouts
Coalition for Bedford Youth
Dobles Chevrolet-Buick, Inc.
Gymnastics Village
Jutras Signs, Inc.
LaMontagne Builders, Inc.
Maine Drilling & Blasting
Master An’s Taekwondo
NH Professional Photographers Assn.
Pizza Bella
Pizza Mia
Richard K. Harvell VFW Post No. 8401
Outback Steakhouse
Wicks – Allstate Insurance Company

BEDFORD COMMUNITY TELEVISION (BCTV)

Bill Jennings, Station Manager
Coleen Richardson, Assistant Station Manager



Bedford Community Television (BCTV) is the Town’s local Public, Education and Government access community television station. BCTV has two channels. Channel 16 is for public and education programming. Channel 22 is dedicated

to government programming. All town government meetings are broadcast live on Channel 22. School Board meetings are also broadcast on Channel 22, but will occasionally move to Channel 16 when there is a schedule conflict with live town government programming. All meetings are rebroadcast for later viewing during the week. Programming schedules are updated weekly and published in both Bedford newspapers as well as on the BCTV website. The BCTV website is www.bedfordtv.com

The station exists as part of a standard contractual arrangement between the town and the local cable service provider, Comcast. Cable franchise fees collected from cable subscribers by Comcast fund the operation of the station. The station is NOT FUNDED BY TAX DOLLARS.

BCTV is governed by a Board of Overseers, which is made up of residents and representatives from the Town government and the School Board. The Board is responsible for establishing policies and procedures for the station. The station is part of the Town of Bedford with fiscal and personnel responsibility remaining with the Town Manager and the Town Council.

The station has two full time staff personnel and six part time government/school tapers.

The station’s mission is to provide a forum for access to, and awareness of, public, education, and government community information. Use of the BCTV channels and facilities are free of charge to community members and non-profit organizations residing in Bedford. All local programming is either produced or taped by community volunteers who have been trained by Station Personnel.

2005 was a very exciting year for BCTV. The station was recognized as the “Outstanding Public Access Station” for the entire Northeast from the Northeast Alliance for Community Media. This competition not only included all of New England, but the State of New York as well.

The New Hampshire Coalition for Community Media considers BCTV to be one of the best Public, Education and Government (PEG) Access Centers in the state. Many communities that are considering starting a TV station or expanding their current TV capabilities will visit BCTV



because of the station's great reputation. Last year, City Cable Commissions from the cities of Portsmouth and Nashua all toured BCTV to get a better idea on how they should set up and/or expand their own television stations. Representatives from several other smaller communities, including Keene, also visited BCTV.

One of the highlights in 2005 for BCTV came last March, when BCTV "moved" its studio to the McKelvie Middle School and broadcast LIVE the school voting results for the middle/high school. Residents were all tuned into Channel 22 and heard the results "first hand" before any other media picked up the results. Spontaneous reactions and real time interviews during this memorable event made for a priceless evening not only for those that attended, but for those watching BCTV at home.

BCTV also started broadcasting Live Call In programs in June. Four shows were broadcast live with viewers calling in with their questions. Town Manager, Keith Hickey and Superintendent of Schools Ann Remus were guests on several of these broadcasts.

BCTV also had a Live "Volunteers Recognition Evening" where all of the station's volunteers were recognized with certificates and plaques for their contribution to the station's public and educational programming. Special recognition was given to Rich Beyer and George LePage for their outstanding coverage of local sports since 1998. Ellen McAvoy also received special recognition for her efforts in expanding BCTV School programming with her shows, "Parent Informational Program", "Kids School News" and her coverage of the Bedford Jaguars and the PTG (Parent Teachers Group). Doug Pearson, who also started volunteering at BCTV in 1998, was recognized with an outstanding volunteer recognition award for his many years of service as an Executive Producer, BCTV Board Member and long time BCTV host.

In addition, the following individuals were recognized for the awards they received from the Northeast Alliance for Community Media: Michael Scanlon, "Lasik Eye Surgery"; Chuck Grau, Jim Morgan, Peter Waligora and David Kirsch for "Between the Lines"; Derek Neider, "Word of Light"; Ben Burns, Rob Kroeger, Alex

Saito, "Hardwired"; Lori Radke, Madonna Lovett Repeta, Bob Sliwa, "Woodbury Cottage" and Al Heidenreich, "Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall"

In an effort to continue with the station's policy of producing shows with the highest broadcast quality, BCTV made a number of equipment investments in 2005. The Town Meeting Room robotic camera system was upgraded to four "three" chip cameras along with a higher quality video switcher and robotic control system. The station also upgraded the equipment in one of the editing suites and added an additional editing room. The station now has three fully equipped editing rooms. New lighting was added to the studio as well as a new Compix television graphics unit. Additional Canon field cameras and wireless audio systems were added for remote taping. New studio cameras with engineering control systems will also be added in 2006 to enhance in studio programming.

To learn about the station contact Bill Jennings or Coleen Richardson, by calling 472-8288 or signing on to the BCTV website at www.bedfordtv.com

BEDFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

David C. Bailey, Police Chief

At the end of 2005, my second in command, Captain Paul Roy retired after 20 years with Bedford. Paul started his career with Allenstown and Laconia PD. Also Det Sgt. Thomas Maille retired at the end of January. He also was with Bedford for twenty years after serving several years with Manchester Pd. Both were dedicated, hard working employees who will be sorely missed. Daniel Doudi who has been promoted from Sergeant to Lieutenant has replaced Captain Roy. As of this writing, a replacement for Sgt. Maille and the replacement of a patrol Sergeant have not been named. However, we have many qualified candidates.

We have one more season of construction on South River Rd., which includes the widening of South River Rd. from Kilton Rd. to Meetinghouse Rd., plus the installation of traffic lights at the 101 off ramp to Meetinghouse Rd. We believe we have kept the disruption to a minimum in part due to the good planning of the NH DOT and cooperation of all the construction companies involved. The



roads continue to be crowded. Accidents investigated by the Bedford Police Department increased approximately 7%. Unfortunately we investigated two fatal crashes in 2005. The bicycle tragedy on Joppa Hill Rd. and a fatal crash at the intersection of Joppa Hill Rd. and New Boston Rd. NH State Police also investigated a fatal crash on 293 by Macy's. During the weekday rush hours traffic enforcement is our number one priority. We also have one officer whose primary function is traffic enforcement. One alarming statistic is the rise in robberies from four to ten. Seven started as shoplifting incidents that turned into a subject fighting with either a store employee or store detective, two were bank robberies and one was the robbery of a store employee making a night deposit.

In spite of those incidents, Bedford continues to be a safe place to live, work or raise a family in. The fact that Bedford continues to be safe is no accident. Some of the credit must go to the men and women of the Bedford Police Department who are working day and night to keep Bedford safe. Also credit must go to other departments in the town who work as a team with the Police Department and finally a large part of the credit must go to you, the citizens of Bedford who make out job easier, by first approving our budget, which gives us the personnel and equipment to work with and second your cooperation and help in reporting incidents and coming forward as witness to crime. Finally we must thank the Town Manager and Town Council whose cooperation and help is always there.

It is always an honor for myself and the members of the Bedford Police Department to serve and protect the residents of Bedford. Be safe.

Bedford Police Department - 2005 Annual Statistics

Incidents	19,891
Abandoned Vehicles	24
Accidents	1554
Investigated	1540
Fatal	2
Property Damage	1425
Injury	109
Other	15
Alarms Answered	2075
Arrests	
Adult	868
Juvenile	209

MV Summons Issued	1629
MV Warnings Issued	5269
Parking Tickets Issued	206
Assaults	28
Assist Fire	141
Assist Other PD	211
Bomb Threat	4
Assist Utilities	28
Animal Complaints	273
Burglary	43
Civil	62
Disorderly	250
Dog Complaints	492
Drugs	5
Family Offense Calls	130
Found Property	91
Fraud/Counterfeit	61
Gun Complaints	27
Harassment Incidents	41
Highway Conditions	360
Homicide	0
Littering Complaints	25
MV Complaints	604
Phone Call Complaints	95
Lost Property	89
Rescue Assists	804
Robberies	10
Service Calls	680
Sex Offenses	15
Suicide	3
Sudden Deaths	8
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	746
Thefts	324
Town Ordinance Violations	34
Vandalism	236

BEDFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Scott A. Wiggin, Fire Chief

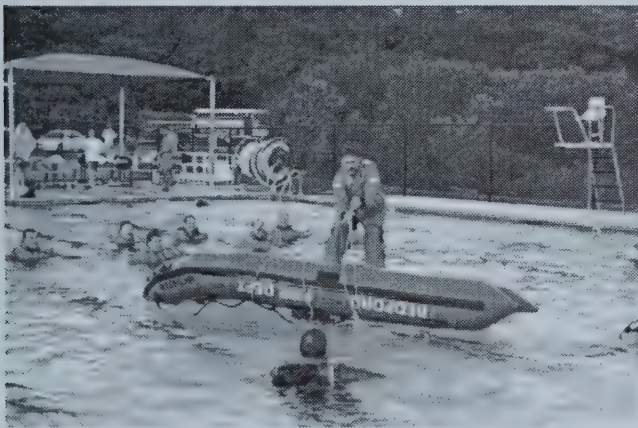
This past year has been very challenging and rewarding for the Bedford Fire Department. Challenging, with regards to the amount of substantial commercial growth that took place in the community over the past year. This growth continued all year long with the completion of the Walgreen Complex of buildings in the spring, then with the addition of another sports complex at the Rising Star buildings, and most recently the Target, Lowes, and the Applebee's Restaurant at the new Bedford Heights location. Many hours of plan review and inspections were required before the final certificate of occupancy is issued for safe public access to these buildings.

The Bedford Fire Department was the recipient of three Federal Emergency Management Fire Act Grants totaling \$199,276.00. Our first grant was for \$120,924.00 for a massive upgrade for radio



interoperability enhancements to replace all of our low band frequency radios to high band frequency. The second grant was for the purchase of a Public Education Safety Trailer for regional delivery of fire safety and home safety for the residents of the Town of Bedford and the surrounding communities of Amherst, Goffstown, Merrimack, and New Boston. The third grant was for the replacement of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for all firefighters. This grant will provide new compliant turnout gear, which will provide for a greater level of protection for firefighter safety.

Recognizing a few more rewarding events, I would like to thank Captain Mark Klose for his efforts in obtaining an all terrain vehicle (ATV) from Nault's Honda of Manchester. In addition, I would also like to thank the Bedford Firefighters Association for their continued support of the Bedford Fire Department. This past year they were responsible for obtaining an inflatable water rescue boat, trailer, and needed rescue equipment to implement the department's first water rescue boat and program. They also purchased a utility trailer for the transportation of the ATV to isolated areas in the community.



(BFD Water Rescue Training)

This past year the council voted to hire Municipal Resources Incorporated (MRI) to conduct a needs assessment for the Bedford Fire Department. This was a very time consuming activity, I'm confident this will have some very positive outcomes for the Department in the immediate future and in long term planning to meet the needs of the citizens of the community we serve.

I would also like to thank all members of the Bedford Fire Department for their commitment and dedication this past year, along with recognition of Jon Anderson who retired from the department with 15 years of service.

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. A fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2217, or online at www.nhdf.org.

Fire activity was high during the first several weeks of the 2005 fire season, with red-flag conditions issued by the National Weather Service and extreme fire danger in the southern and central portions of the state. This period of increased initial attack activity prompted a 5-day ban on open burning, the first such ban in several years. Despite the dry conditions, the state's largest wildland fire was contained at 29 acres. Our statewide system of fire lookout towers is credited with keeping the fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Fires in the wildland urban interface damaged 10 structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner



recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2005 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires Reported through November 4, 2005)

Causes of Fires Reported

Arson	2
Campfire	34
Children	29
Smoking	40
Debris	284
Railroad	1
Lightening	5
Equipment	7
Misc. *	111

(* powerlines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

Total Fires by Year

Year	# Fires	# Acres
2005	513	174
2004	462	147
2003	374	100
2002	540	187
2001	942	428
2000	516	149



BUILDING/HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Wayne A. Richardson, CBO Code/Health Official
Wayne H. Moore, Code/Health Inspector
Gary Pariseau, Health Inspector – Food Service

Inspection numbers for 2005 remained at consistent levels of the past years while the total number of permits were down from previous years. Certificates of Occupancy were issued for

123 new residential dwelling units and 7 new commercial facilities.

New construction included permitting for Lowe's, Applebee's, Bugaboo Creek, Bedford Pediatrics, Riverwalk Condominiums, Faith Christian Center, Sebbins Brook Market Place (former Bedford Motel site), Vista Foods remodel and expansion, J.K. Scanlon Office Building and the Haigh Farr facility to name the major permits issued this year. The majority of inspections for the following projects were performed in 2005: Rising Stars, Target, Lowe's, Applebee's, Bugaboo Creek, French Atwood Marketplace, Vista Foods and Bedford Pediatrics. The coming year will see several elderly housing projects. Currently the only project of this type that has actually started construction is the project known as Riverwalk consisting of 62 condo units and 23 individual cottages located on Hawthorne Drive. However an 80+ bed assisted living facility project has received final approval on Hawthorne Drive and an elderly housing project has received conditional approval from the planning board.

This year the Health Department was able to add a part-time health inspector, Mr. Gary Pariseau of Bedford. He is responsible for bringing the Department's food service program into compliance with the state memorandum of agreement. This agreement is the document that provides Bedford with the privilege of being a self-inspecting community. Since he started, Gary's main focus has been to ensure patrons that all of Bedford's food service establishments are being inspected on a regular basis and any deficiencies are corrected in a timely manner. By the end of December Gary had made over 180 visits to 67 establishments for initial and follow-up inspections. Educating staff members at every facility, submitting food samples to the state lab for testing, providing free classes here at the Safety Complex in cooperation the University of NH Extension Service and making repeated visits to facilities has been the focus of his efforts to date. It is the department's intent, starting in the next round of inspections, to move to the next level of enforcement for those facilities where we are not receiving full cooperation in the food service compliance program.

For information regarding permits or food service establishments, please call 472-3838.



BUILDING DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

COMPARISON OF VALUE* OF WORK BEING DONE BY YEAR

YEAR	2002		2003		2004		2005	
COMMERCIAL ADDITION	\$1,147,000	<i>4</i>	\$2,450,000	<i>2</i>	\$355,000	<i>2</i>	\$681,000	<i>3</i>
COMMERCIAL REMODEL	\$5,867,600	<i>29</i>	\$2,370,918	<i>52</i>	\$3,257,204	<i>57</i>	\$3,671,432	<i>61</i>
NEW COMMERCIAL	\$3,847,800	<i>7</i>	\$25,402,200	<i>18</i>	\$16,466,011	<i>22</i>	\$20,651,000	<i>12</i>
NEW RESIDENTIAL DWELLING	\$56,248,075	<i>210</i>	\$42,047,435	<i>136</i>	\$44,757,530	<i>143</i>	\$36,117,500	<i>144</i>
NEW RESIDENTIAL	\$615,265	<i>26</i>	\$567,360	<i>23</i>	\$248,234	<i>11</i>	\$671,577	<i>21</i>
RESIDENTIAL ADDITION	\$4,985,739	<i>243</i>	\$6,244,713	<i>233</i>	\$6,172,510	<i>207</i>	\$5,945,497	<i>177</i>
RESIDENTIAL REMODEL	\$648,130	<i>19</i>	\$568,635	<i>31</i>	\$929,924	<i>45</i>	\$681,800	<i>36</i>
SEPTIC	\$334,050	<i>54</i>	\$242,250	<i>43</i>	\$431,900	<i>64</i>	\$342,700	<i>55</i>
SIGNS	\$76,188	<i>23</i>	\$78,061	<i>17</i>	\$144,357	<i>27</i>	\$146,230	<i>31</i>
SHEDS	\$136,769	<i>46</i>	\$170,295	<i>62</i>	\$135,429	<i>51</i>	\$135,717	<i>44</i>
SWIMMING POOLS	\$733,150	<i>48</i>	\$945,940	<i>50</i>	\$650,684	<i>36</i>	\$1,193,288	<i>38</i>
	\$74,639,766	<i>709</i>	\$81,087,807	<i>667</i>	\$73,548,783	<i>665</i>	\$70,237,741	<i>622</i>

Additions = where finished square footage was added to existing structure

Remodel = where no new space was added only reconfiguring and updating

New = entirely new structures (in residential this excludes dwellings)

Figures in italics are the number of permits issued to generate the values in the table.

* = VALUES ARE BASED UPON FIGURES GIVEN ON PERMIT APPLICATIONS

BUILDING PERMITS
NEW DWELLING UNITS

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Single	157	196	161	193	210	136	143	82
Duplex	35	20	6	0	0	0	0	0
Condos	108	26	34	24	0	0	0	62
Apartmts	240	0	100	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	540	242	301	217	210	136	143	144

CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Single	145	171	189	157	199	135	123	123
Duplex	28	15	20	1	0	0	0	0
Condos	86	57	30	25	19	0	0	0
Apartmts	0	212	58	70	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	259	455	297	253	218	135	123	123



BEDFORD PUBLIC WORKS

James B. Stanford, P.E., Director

Bedford Public Works has five divisions: Administrative, Highway, Solid Waste, Wastewater and Building Maintenance. There are 23 FT, 1 FT/Half Year, 4 PT and 5 seasonal employees. The department is responsible for maintaining a large segment of the Town's physical infrastructure as well as delivering important services including solid waste disposal; sewer service; snow/ice removal and treatment; Town events assistance; and new subdivision construction oversight.

The comprehensive roads program continued this year, in part, with funding from the 8 million dollar bond appropriation approved in 2003. Another 12 million dollar road bond was approved this year and will be used beginning in the 2006 construction season. We continued use of the pavement management system to evaluate and recommend cost effective alternatives for improving the condition of town roads. In total, over 10 miles of town roads were improved with rehabilitation or bituminous asphalt treatment. Among the major road improvements, the Bedford Center project incorporated safety enhancements with realignment of several intersections and installation of granite curbing/sidewalks connecting municipal buildings. We also completed town wide aerial mapping for our Geographical Information System (GIS) for use in roadway design and drainage system mapping for our long-term maintenance program.

I would like to thank all the staff members for their cooperation and congratulate them on their many accomplishments this past year.

HIGHWAY DIVISION

Paul Belanger, Superintendent / Asst. Director

During the 2005 winter seasons there were 34 incidents of snow and ice yielding a snowfall accumulation of over 118 inches. This snowfall combined with heavy Spring/Fall rain, resulted in an above average precipitation total of 60 inches for the year. Despite several high intensity rain events, we avoided the major flooding damage that occurred in other parts of the state.

Highway crews continued to play a key role in our long-range road improvement plan by spending the non-winter months on general road maintenance and drainage system construction. As part of the roads program, crews made several drainage system improvements to the Pines and Forest Drive areas. To aid in the maintenance responsibilities, the Department purchased two 6-wheel dump trucks, two one-ton trucks and a loader/backhoe. We also completed construction of a new shed for storage of winter sand and salt.

WASTEWATER, SOLID WASTE AND BUILDING MAINTENANCE DIVISIONS

Stephen R. Crean, Environmental Coordinator

Wastewater projects completed in 2005 included: Target and Lowes, River Glen, South River Road relocation, Faith Christian Center, Greenfield Farms, River Walk and Hawthorne Village Developments. Also included were pump station upgrades and several small extensions in the Performance Zone.

We expanded recycling at the transfer station by adding mixed paper to the program. In 2006, we will be seeking proposals for a new hauling and disposal contractor.

Building maintenance projects in 2005 included landscaping and minor remodeling at the Town Office Building, sewer system installation at the Safety Complex, and well repairs at Town Hall.

I would like to thank all the other departments for their help and support during 2005.





2005 ROAD PROGRAM

TREATMENT	ROAD NAME	FROM	TO
Rehabilitation	North Amherst Road	Wallace Road	Bedford Center Road
	Bedford Center Road	North Amherst Road	Meetinghouse Road
	Meetinghouse Road	Bedford Center Road	Route 101
	Church Road	Wallace Road	Bedford Center Road
	Jenkins Road	Merrimack Town Line	Ledgewood Road
	Riddle Drive	Ministerial Road	1400' West of Ministerial Rd.
	Laurel Drive	Kalmia Way	End
Wearing Course	Beals Road	Wallace Road	Gage Girls
	Beals Road	Wentworth Road	Merrimack Town Line
	Ministerial Road	Bedford Center Road	Wallace Road
	Magazine Street	Wallace Road	Jackson Square
Maintenance Overlays	Alder Way	Wallace Road	End
	Bedford Street	Mack Street	End
	Benning Way	Wallace Road	End
	Bracken Branch	McAfee Farm Road	Old Evergreen Circle
	Bracken Circle	Bracken Branch	End
	Carriage Lane	Joppa Hill Road	Joppa Hill Road
	Deacon Road	Ministerial Branch	Buttonwood Road
	Elder Williams Road	Benning Way	End
	Farmhouse Road	Beals Road	End
	Hearthside Circle	Joppa Hill Road	Old Stone Way
	Hitching Post Lane	Hardy Road	Route 101
	Line Road	Plains Road	Hersey Street
	Old Evergreen Road	Bracken Circle	Joppa Hill Road
	Olde Stone Way	Hearthside Circle	Hearthside Circle
	Palomino Lane	Plummer Road	Wayside Drive
	Plains Road	Whittemore Street	Line Road
	South Hills Drive	Hardy Road	Regency Drive
	South Hills Terrace	South Hills Drive	End
	Wallace Road	Nathan Cutler Drive	North Amherst Road
	Wallace Road	Chubbuck Road	Spring Hill Road
	West Drive	South Hills Drive	North Amherst Road
	Whittemore Street	Palomino Road	Hersey Street

2005 PUBLIC STREET ACCEPTANCES AND PUBLIC WAY EXTENSIONS

<u>Street Name – New Streets</u>	<u>Limits</u>	<u>Total Accepted Length (+/-)</u>
Bartlett Drive	Brick Mill Road to End	1,597 ft.
Bill's Way	Marston Drive to End	861 ft.
Bowman Parade Road	Oak Drive to End	1,783 ft.
Canterbury Lane	Joppa Hill Road to End	1,125 ft.
Dorothy's Way	Marston Drive to End	839 ft.
Dublin Court	Beals Road to End	839 ft.
Karolina Lane	County Road to End	1,147 ft.
Marston Drive	Wallace Road to End	2,428 ft.
Proclamation Court	Wallace Road to End	569 ft.
Whiskey Rebellion Court	Wallace Road to End	530 ft.
<u>Street Name - Extensions</u>	<u>Limits</u>	<u>Total Accepted Length (+/-)</u>
Brick Mill Road	Wallace Road to Arbor Lane	8,195 ft.
Colonel Daniels Drive	Beals Road to Federation Drive	5,613 ft.
Dalton Road	County Road to End	750 ft.
Essex Road	Cambridge Road to End	3,512 ft.



BEDFORD WATER AND SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Bruce A. Thomas, P.E., Chairman

The Bedford Water and Sewer Advisory Committee is charged to advise the Town Council and make recommendations in conservation, planning, infrastructure, funding mechanisms and legislation.

Over the past year, the Committee's focus has been on discussing and advising the Town Council on possible private well contamination matters, the review of proposed water conservation legislation, the review of projects that involved the Town's water or sewer system expansion. Projects include the proposed health club for Donald Street and New Boston Road, sewer and water extensions to the new school facilities, and proposed sewer extensions to the Worthley Road area. We have also formulated a public education plan for water conservation with eight "*Bedford Conserves*" articles published in the Bedford Bulletin in 2004.

The Committee typically meets on the second Friday each month at 7:45 a.m. The following members served the Committee and the Town with distinction over the past year: Paul Goldberg, Richard Moore, Bruce Thomas, Town Council Representatives Andrew Eagan and William Van Anglen, Steven Crean, Environmental Coordinator, Karen White, Town Planner, Keith Hickey, Town Manager, and Paul Arnold joined the committee in October.

BEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Shirley Barron, Library Director (retired)

Mary Ann Senatro, Library Director

Trustees: Robert Brooks, Edward Moran & Anthony Frederick

The year 2005 was another very busy and successful year for the Bedford Public Library, including significant changes in the library's administration/staff and the Board of Library Trustees.

Anthony (Tony) Frederick was elected Library Trustee to replace Richard Tucker, who had dedicated six years of service as a Trustee. We

thank Rich for his dedication to the Bedford Public Library, and welcome Tony to the Board of Trustees. Shirley Barron, Library Director, retired in December and was replaced by Mary Ann Senatro, our Assistant Director. We hope that Shirley enjoys her retirement on Cape Cod, and wish Mary Ann the best of luck in directing the library. Marguerite Frizzell, our beloved children's room assistant, passed away in October and saddened the hearts of many. A memorial book collection has been established to honor Marguerite. At this writing the memorial collection is being developed and will soon be ready for the children of Bedford to enjoy. It is a great tribute to Marguerite who will be sorely missed ... but her memory lives on in the "Marguerite Frizzell Memorial Book Collection." Two staff members left us in 2005 for other pursuits: Faith Hutton returned to nursing and Lynn Dumais moved to Nova Scotia. Karen Johnson has replaced Faith, and Cheryl Stockman has replaced Lynn.

In addition to our staff, we are fortunate to have fifteen dedicated volunteers who provide support to our staff and enable us to provide such excellent service. We're blessed to have such dedicated volunteers, hope they all remain with us for many years to come and thank them for a job well done!

During 2005 we were able to re-institute Sundays hours and began opening on Sundays from 1-5 p.m. The library, currently open a total of sixty one hours a week, is also available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week via the web. Our website at www.bedford.lib.nh.us provides remote access to the library's catalog and twenty-one full-text databases, including several electronic student resources. From home or office, users can access our online catalog, view their account, renew items or place requests.

Our Summer Reading program for children "Camp Wannaread" enrolled 1,117 children who read a total of 21,185 books! It was an incredibly busy summer in the Children's Department with not only the summer reading program, but with many other well-attended programs. Special thanks are in order to Luci Albertson for creating such an outstanding and exciting summer reading program and to her staff. Thanks to our sponsors, including the Bedford Public Library Foundation,



the Rotary Club, Citizens Bank, the Women's and the Men's Club, for their financial support and to Bedford's many merchants for their generosity in furnishing prizes.

The Bedford Public Library continues to serve as a community center, providing Bedford residents with a place to gather and share interests and concerns, find information, discover new books in a variety of formats, as well as interact and connect with other people. The library's meeting rooms provide a popular meeting place for the many organizations in town. Our popular Sunday Concert Series (sponsored by the Friends of the Bedford Library and funded by the Bedford Public Library Foundation), library programs, book discussion groups, NH Humanities Council Programs, and ongoing art displays/ exhibits provided enjoyment to so many --- our library has truly become a cultural hub for the citizens of Bedford. We thank all of you who displayed your art or shared your treasured collections with us in 2005.

We would like to thank those who have helped the Bedford Public Library throughout the year: the Friends of the Library, the Bedford Public Library Foundation for their many contributions, our volunteers who give so much of their time to the library, and the many individuals and local organizations who donated to the library. The Friends sponsor the popular Sunday Concert Series, Wassail party and Thanksgiving Pie Sale. They funded passes to the Museum of Fine Arts, the New England Aquarium, and the Currier Gallery of Art; the printing of "Bedford Profiles", and also provided funding in support of the summer reading program.

This year the Foundation provided us with the funding for children's programs, DVDs, computer systems consultant, and the McNaughton Book Lease Program. Carlyle Place donated a beautiful painting from its annual art show; the Bedford Neighbors & Newcomers Club donated a pass to the Children's Museum in Boston; the Bedford Parent Teachers Group funded a pass to the Museum of Science; the Bedford Garden Club maintained our beautiful flower garden and planted the urns; and the Lions Club provided us with library card protectors. Donations were received from residents as well and we're so very grateful for all of your support.

2005 Library Statistics

Books on accession (12/31/2004)	68,519
Books purchased:	3,960
Books donated:	948
Sub-total	73,427
Books withdrawn:	5,186
Books on accession (12/31/05):	68,241

Library Holdings (12/31/05)

Books	68,241
Magazines	4,643
Audio books	2,576
Video cassettes	2,469
Video discs	941
Compact discs	1,675
Total	80,545
Subscriptions	2005
Magazines (titles)	108
Newspapers (titles)	10
Microfiche (titles)	29
Microfilm – (1 title)	32 rolls

2005 Circulation Statistics

Books	153,229
Magazines	5,285
Compact Discs	5,823
Videos/DVDs	39,832
Audio Books	10,828
Museum Passes	243
Subtotal	215,240
Electronic Resources	120,415
Total	335,655

Bedford Public Library – Special Account 2005

Cash on Hand 1/1/05	\$1,040.05
Income:	
Meeting Room	50.00
Copies	660.30
Book Sales	2,595.34
Fines	18,847.92
Gifts	7,482.80
Non-resident fees	420.00
Trust Funds	357.89
Replacements	1,432.94
Total Income	\$31,847.19
Disbursements:	
Miscellaneous	870.75
Programs	6,964.13
Copiers	2,263.23
Library Enhancements	8,829.10
Books and Media	731.23
Total Disbursements	\$19,658.44
Cash on Hand 12/31/05	\$13,228.80



TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Ryk Bullock, Scott Earnshaw, Ken Grasset

As the Trustees of the Trust Funds, we offer these brief comments on the reports that follow.

The Trustees are responsible for two types of funds: (1) Capital Reserve Funds, which have been established by the Town of Bedford or the Bedford School District in anticipation of specific uses, and (2) Trust Funds, which have been set up to support on-going projects, such as the Bedford library or the Bedford cemetery.

The Trustee Annual Reports were not available at the time of printing of this report.

BEDFORD TOWN CLERK

Wanda L. Jenkins, Town Clerk

The annual elections held on March 8, 2005 will not be remembered for the weather (frigid temperatures coupled with drifting snow and zero visibility), but for an historic vote on the School ballot to build a combined middle/high school with a 2007 opening date. Article III - Issuance of Long Term Debt for Reconstruction of Roads on the Town ballot was passed. The \$12 million road bond will enable the Town to move forward in its efforts to reconstruct its roads.

In September 2006, the statewide voter registration system mandated by Federal law (HAVA - the Help America Vote Act) will be implemented. Throughout 2005 local election officials, including myself, have attended informational sessions and training workshops to become familiar with election-related changes under HAVA. The State is also currently considering several additional election-related changes to reconcile election results, to accommodate persons with disabilities, and to help minimize voter fraud.

An application to request an absentee ballot for each election is available on the Town website: www.bedfordnh.org, or may be requested in person at the Town Office Building. Absentee ballot applications may be mailed, faxed to 472-4573, or brought into the Town Clerk at 24 North Amherst Road. The 2006 Town election is March

14, the Primary election September 12, and the general election November 7.



TOWN CLERK ACCOUNTS:

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS:

Debits:	
UCC Filings	6,540.00
Certified Copies	6,252.00
Marriage Licenses	5,760.00
Dredge & Fill	100.00
Articles of Agreement	15.00
Miscellaneous	1,981.47
Total Debits	\$20,648.47

Credits Remitted to Treasurer	\$20,648.47
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DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT:

Debits:	
Licenses Issues	19,991.40
License Penalties	4,515.50
Dog Violations	3,150.00
Total Debits	\$27,656.90

Credits Remitted to Treasurer	\$27,656.90
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Grand Total Remitted to Treasurer	\$48,305.37
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2005000005	JOHNSON, SAMUEL LEE	01/02/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	JOHNSON, CRAIG	JOHNSON, SUZANNE
2005000076	BASSETT, BRIDGET KENDALL	01/05/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	BASSETT, JOSHUA	BASSETT, JENNIFER
2005000079	WATTS, EMMA THERESA	01/06/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	WATTS, MICHAEL	WATTS, CHRISTINA
2005000080	WATTS, SOPHIA MARIA	01/06/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	WATTS, MICHAEL	WATTS, CHRISTINA
2005000108	LEBLANC, KAYLA MORGAN	01/07/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	LEBLANC, PETE	LEBLANC, KERRY
2005000103	MCCORMACK, VICTORIA DOROTHY	01/07/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	MCCORMACK, KEVIN	MCCORMACK, KATHY
2005000207	LAIBE, ANNABELLE CONSTANCE	01/11/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	LAIBE, TIMOTHY	LAIBE, AMELIA
2005000304	PRATTE, NATHAN DAVID	01/13/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	PRATTE, DAVID	PRATTE, KIMBERLY
2005000329	PIOTROWSKI, ELISE INGRAM	01/13/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	PIOTROWSKI, DAVID	PIOTROWSKI, KATHY
2005000328	PIOTROWSKI, OWEN MCALLISTER	01/13/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	PIOTROWSKI, DAVID	PIOTROWSKI, KATHY
2005000432	MULLEN, EMMELINE GRACE	01/18/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	MULLEN, JOHN	MULLEN, MELISSA
2005000556	ERICSON, KYLE CARTER	01/20/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	ERICSON, MARK	ERICSON, MARIEM
2005000565	GOLDBERG, LOGAN HUGHES	01/20/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	GOLDBERG, DAVID	GOLDBERG, KATHLEEN
2005000716	DYGD, SARAH KATHLEEN	01/25/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	DYGD, SHAWN	DYGD, AMY
2005000897	GRAY, SULLIVAN VIER	01/30/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	GRAY, KEVIN	SULLIVAN, CATHERINE
2005000944	MACDONALD, LIAM ROSS	02/01/2005	NASHUA, NH	MACDONALD, GRAHAM	MACDONALD, KELLY
2005000953	MARGOLIS, ADAM RYAN	02/02/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	MARGOLIS, MICHAEL	MARGOLIS, MARLA
2005001125	STEWART, KIERSTEN LUANN	02/07/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	STEWART, RYAN	STEWART, JODI
2005001129	MOECKEL, KATHERINE ELIZABETH	02/07/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	MOECKEL, WILLIAM	MOECKEL, JENNIFER
2005001500	WAGNER, SKYLAR MARGARET	02/14/2005	CONCORD, NH	WAGNER, DAVID	WAGNER, JENNIFER
2005001535	PERDEW, AMANDA SHANNON	02/16/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	PERDEW, SEAN	PERDEW, SUSAN
2005001585	LAWTON, ELLIE YELING-WONG	02/17/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	LAWTON, KYLE	LAWTON, LYDIA
2005001636	LEMOINE, CALEB ETHAN	02/19/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	LEMOINE, JONATHAN	LEMOINE, JACQUELINE
2005001640	GOEDECKE, JONATHAN WALTER	02/20/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	GOEDECKE, PETER	GOEDECKE, SHERYL
2005001694	OPERACH, CHRISTOPHER STEPH	02/22/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	OPERACH, STEPHEN	OPERACH, TONIA
2005002492	ROURKE, DECLAN ALEXANDER	02/24/2005	NASHUA, NH	ROURKE, TIMOTHY	PEPIN, MELINDA
2005001944	WITCHGER, ANNA GRACE	03/01/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	WITCHGER, BRIAN	WITCHGER, TARA
2005002049	MACDONALD, SOPHIA THERESE	03/06/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	MACDONALD, PETER	MACDONALD, PAMELA
2005002484	WOLFINGER, COLE MICHAEL	03/14/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	WOLFINGER, THOMAS	WOLFINGER, LISA
2005002563	SLACK, PRESTON ZANE	03/18/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	SLACK, GORDON	SLACK, ROSEMARY
2005002673	DIONNE, JACKSON ALAN	03/20/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	DIONNE, DAVID	DUPUIS, SARAH
2005002759	KASHIWABARA, BENJAMIN JAMES	03/22/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	KASHIWABARA, STEVEN	KASHIWABARA, DIANNE
2005002769	MORRISSETTE, SARAH BETH	03/22/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	MORRISSETTE, STEPHEN	MORRISSETTE, TRACY
2005002780	NORWESH, ALEXANDRIA AILENE	03/23/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	NORWESH, EDWARD	NORWESH, NANCY
2005002796	NAGY, JACK RYAN	03/23/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	NAGY, BRADLEY	NAGY, KRISTINA
2005003058	PEICKER, ANDREW MICHAEL TAYLOR	03/31/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	PEICKER, MARK	PEICKER, KIMBERLY
2005003097	MAKRIS, JACOB JAMES	03/31/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	MAKRIS, NICHOLAS	ABBENE, CHRISTINE

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2005003819	O'BRIEN,CAROLINE MARIE	04/03/2005	NASHUA,NH	O'BRIEN,TERENCE	O'BRIEN,NICOLE
2005003162	TREMBLAY,ALEXA WALLACE	04/03/2005	MANCHESTER,NH	TREMBLAY,JAMES	TREMBLAY,JESSICA
2005003327	CHASE,COLIN FRANCIS	04/07/2005	MANCHESTER,NH	CHASE,ASHWIN	CHASE,JULIE
2005003568	SANUTH,BRYANA ELEESHA	04/12/2005	MANCHESTER,NH	SANUTH,THOMAS	SANUTH,SARAH
2005003690	DUCHARME,AMBER MICHELE	04/14/2005	MANCHESTER,NH	DUCHARME,PAUL	DUCHARME,CHERYL
2005003689	GOLDBERG,EMILY SARAH	04/15/2005	MANCHESTER,NH		GOLDBERG,BETH
2005003678	MERZ,MARSHALL ANDREW	04/15/2005	MANCHESTER,NH	MERZ,ANDREW	MERZ,SHANNON
2005003800	SILVIO,QUINN PATRICK	04/17/2005	MANCHESTER,NH	SILVIO,PAUL	SILVIO,KATHLEEN
2005004215	MILLER,KYLE GRANT	04/22/2005	NASHUA,NH	MILLER,GRANT	MILLER,ANDREA
2005004894	WILSON,GEORGIA MAY	04/25/2005	NASHUA,NH	WILSON,WALTER	WILSON,TAMI
2005004295	HOSSFELD,JAXON RODERICK	04/30/2005	MANCHESTER,NH	HOSSFELD,ROBERT	HOSSFELD,TINA
2005004571	HINSLEY,IAN PAUL	05/09/2005	MANCHESTER,NH	HINSLEY,NICHOLAS	HINSLEY,KAREN
2005005069	WATSON,JACK DANIEL	05/10/2005	MANCHESTER,NH	WATSON,LOUIE	WATSON,MELINDA
2005004739	DODGE,ADDISON DAVID	05/11/2005	MANCHESTER,NH	DODGE,PHILIP	DODGE,MEGAN
2005005578	PUTNEY,ANNA JANE	05/16/2005	EXETER,NH	PUTNEY,ERIC	PUTNEY,KAREN
2005004857	PETERS,NATHANIEL EDWARD	05/16/2005	MANCHESTER,NH	PETERS,THOMAS	ANDREWS-PETERS,JENNIFER
2005006038	DOLDO,TYLER ATWOOD	05/16/2005	NASHUA,NH	DOLDO,JOSEPH	DOLDO,DIANTHE
2005005008	WELSCH,THEODORE THOMAS	05/18/2005	MANCHESTER,NH	WELSCH,FREDERICK	WELSCH,LOUISE
2005005239	ROGERS,BRANDON MICHAEL	05/24/2005	MANCHESTER,NH	ROGERS,CHRISTOPHER	ROGERS,GAIL
2005008466	AVERY,ELEANOR REBECCA	05/25/2005	BEDFORD,NH	AVERY,REED	AVERY,TINA
2005006093	YUN,OLIVER TAO	05/28/2005	NASHUA,NH	YUN,LANGSHENG	HAN LUMING
2005006316	RUNDE,LOGAN PATRICK	05/30/2005	NASHUA,NH	RUNDE,MARK	RUNDE,MELISSA
2005006317	RUNDE,JACK RICHARD	05/30/2005	NASHUA,NH	RUNDE,MARK	RUNDE,MELISSA
2005005533	MURRAY,KATHERINE MICHAEL	05/31/2005	MANCHESTER,NH	MURRAY,JOSEPH	MURRAY,JANET
2005005641	O'BRIEN,RILEY ROBERT WILLIAM	05/31/2005	DERRY,NH	O'BRIEN,SEAN	PALMER,SHELLEY
2005005600	HOBBS,LAINE ROSE	06/03/2005	MANCHESTER,NH	HOBBS,JUSTIN	HOBBS,JILL
2005006354	LEBLANC,SAMUEL NELSON	06/13/2005	BEDFORD,NH	LEBLANC,BRENDAN	LEBLANC,STEPHANIE
2005006285	THOMPSON,DAVID ALLAN	06/20/2005	MANCHESTER,NH	THOMPSON,RICHARD	THOMPSON,JULIE
2005006404	SCOTT,SARA ANNE	06/22/2005	MANCHESTER,NH	SCOTT,THOMAS	SCOTT,KRISTINE
2005006787	AINSWORTH,ANNIKA	07/01/2005	MANCHESTER,NH	AINSWORTH,MATTHEW	AINSWORTH,JENNIFER
2005007736	GUTTMAN,FAITH SARAH	07/03/2005	NASHUA,NH	GUTTMAN,STEVEN	GUTTMAN,HELENA
2005006940	PANCOAST,THOMAS MARK	07/06/2005	MANCHESTER,NH	PANCOAST,GEOFFREY	PANCOAST,BROOKE
2005007314	LACEY,DECLAN SCOT	07/15/2005	MANCHESTER,NH	LACEY,TIMOTHY	LACEY,KIMBERLY
2005007598	COLETTI,ANNABELLE JEAN	07/20/2005	MANCHESTER,NH	COLETTI,CHRISTOPHER	DALRYMPLE,JENNIFER
2005007807	SIMONEAU,REBECCA JEANNE	07/26/2005	NASHUA,NH	SIMONEAU,KIRK	SIMONEAU,ANNE
2005008342	MASSEY,JACKSON BURKE	07/27/2005	LEBANON,NH	MASSEY,DEREK	MASSEY,EUGENIA
2005007924	REHM,KATE MARGARET	07/28/2005	MANCHESTER,NH	REHM,GREGORY	REHM,ANN-MARIE

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2005008661	SANTORSA, MATTHEW WESTCOTT	08/03/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	SANTORSA, MICHAEL	WESTCOTT, LAURIE
2005008227	KOZIOL, AMELIA KATHRYN	08/04/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	KOZIOL, DEREK	KOZIOL, KRISTIN
2005008318	FROST, ELIZABETH NICKOLE	08/07/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	FROST, MARK	FROST, LYNNE
2005008348	SIRE, KATHARINA LOUISE AIMEE	08/08/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	SIRE, CHRISTIAN	SIRE, STEPHANIE
2005008666	INTINTOLI, LILLIAN MARIE	08/11/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	POOLER, CHAD	INTINTOLI, JOANNA
2005008665	INTINTOLI, GABRIELLA GRACE	08/11/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	POOLER, CHAD	INTINTOLI, JOANNA
2005008850	GORDON, JULIA TAYLOR	08/21/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	GORDON, THOMAS	GORDON, STACIE
2005009126	BOUCHARD, ZACHARY DAVID	08/27/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	LAQUERRE, WARREN	BOUCHARD, KARA
2005009329	OCCHIPINTI, AVA ELIZABETH	09/01/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	OCCHIPINTI, THOMAS	OCCHIPINTI, PAMELA
2005009358	UNDERWOOD, AVA PAIGE	09/01/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	UNDERWOOD, DAVID	UNDERWOOD, AMANDA
2005009508	BATEMAN, AVA FRANCES	09/02/2005	LEBANON, NH	BATEMAN, JOHN	BATEMAN, KRISTINA
2005009509	BATEMAN, NAOMI PEARL	09/02/2005	LEBANON, NH	BATEMAN, JOHN	BATEMAN, KRISTINA
2005009491	VACCARELLO, RACHEL ANNE	09/06/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	VACCARELLO, JOSEPH	VACCARELLO, DIANE
2005009633	XIE, TRACY SHUYU	09/08/2005	NASHUA, NH	XIE, QINGYUN	LIU, YUAN
2005010012	GORDON, NATHANIEL PHILLIPS	09/12/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	GORDON, STEPHEN	GORDON, DI
2005009752	KING, OLIVIA GRACE	09/12/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	KING, RONALD	KING, MICHELLE
2005009734	SCHAEPE, JOHN WILLIAM	09/12/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	SCHAEPE, KENNETH	CEASE, BRIGIDA
2005009739	GARRON, ALESSANDRA LABERTA MAY	09/13/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	GARRON, ARNOLD	GARRON, STACEY
2005010110	MELLO, REBECCA DIANE	09/21/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	MELLO, PAUL	MELLO, DAWN
2005010223	LYON, EMILY ROSE	09/23/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	LYON, JASON	LYON, LISA
2005010174	FLORES, GABRIEL STEVEN	09/23/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	FLORES, JOSE	FLORES, SARINA
2005010277	CHRISTERSON, ETHAN FORBES	09/25/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	CHRISTERSON, ERIC	CHRISTERSON, LORI
2005010265	HENRICHON, SPENCER MILES	09/26/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	HENRICHON, GREGORY	HENRICHON, ASHLEY
2005010670	LADUE, KEVIN RAY	10/05/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	LADUE, RICHARD	LADUE, JENNIFER
2005011004	BURKE, RYAN KELLEY	10/07/2005	CONCORD, NH	BURKE, JAMES	BURKE, MICHELLE
2005010943	BLACK, RICHARD DOUGLAS	10/12/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	BLACK, DAVID	BLACK, SUSAN
2005011021	DARBOUZE, MATTHEW MAX	10/14/2005	NASHUA, NH	DARBOUZE, J MAX	CHARLES, KRISTINE
2005011008	MARTINEAU, JACOB-DANIEL JOSEPH	10/15/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	MARTINEAU, JUSTIN	IRVING, CASSANDRA
2005011013	PURNELL, AUDREY ANNA	10/16/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	PURNELL, DENNIS	PURNELL, MARY ELIZABETH
2005011090	WALKER, KAITLYN JULIA	10/17/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	WALKER, KENNETH	WALKER, KELLEY
2005011319	THEROUX, BRADY MICHAEL	10/21/2005	CONCORD, NH	THEROUX, SYLVAIN	THEROUX, DENELL
2005011959	HODGKINS, SETH ROBERT	10/22/2005	NASHUA, NH	HODGKINS, DEREK	HODGKINS, KELLY
2005011506	CHISHOLM, ALY MARION	10/27/2005	CONCORD, NH	CHISHOLM, SCOTT	CHISHOLM, MAUREEN
2005011864	DOPFER, ABIGAIL ELIZABETH	11/01/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	DOPFER, HERBERT	DOPFER, MARY
2005011745	PLANTE, BRADY RICHARD	11/06/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	PLANTE, CHRISTOPHER	PLANTE, TRACI
2005011888	LACROIX, MADELEINE MARY	11/08/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	LACROIX, JASON	LACROIX, SARAH
2005012604	MAHONEY, RACHEL ELIZABETH	11/10/2005	EXETER, NH	MAHONEY, PHILIP	MAHONEY, SUSAN

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2005012107	CRAIG, ROBERT VINCENT	11/13/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	CRAIG, JEFFREY	CRAIG, JENNIFER
2005012215	MCCARTHY, LANA JADE	11/15/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	MCCARTHY, ROBERT	MCCARTHY, SHARRON
2005012628	WALTON, CALEB BENJAMIN	11/28/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	WALTON, RICHARD	WALTON, DIANE
2005012656	FRASER, NICHOLAS DANIEL	11/28/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	FRASER, MARTIN	FRASER, JANINE
2005012771	CHANDRASEKARAN, CHARVI	12/01/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	SUBRAMANIAN, CHANDRASEKAI	SHASHIDHARA, SNEHAPRABHA
2005013063	LOBDELL, RYAN SAMUEL	12/04/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	LOBDELL, KEVIN	LOBDELL, STACY
2005013136	ONEILL, KAELEYN ROSE	12/07/2005	CONCORD, NH	ONEILL, THOMAS	ONEILL, DAWN
2005013655	LEE, ANDERSON DAVID	12/12/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	LEE, QUINTIN	LEE, SABRINA
2005013232	AVALLONE, CHLOE ANN	12/15/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	AVALLONE, CHRISTOPHER	AVALLONE, CYNTHIA
2005013326	TUMMINKATTI, IRISHABH	12/19/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	TUMMINKATTI, NIRANJAN	REVANNASWAMY, NANDADEVI
2005013591	SALAS MENDEZ, HAIDY GUADALUPE	12/26/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	SALAS GARCIA, JUAN	MENDEZ, MIRIAM
2005013654	ARBUSTO, ALEXIS KAI	12/27/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	ARBUSTO, TAKASHI	ARBUSTO, ANN
2005013562	CHANG, NICHOLAS FRANK	12/28/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	CHANG, WEIJEN	HOUSMAN, LAURIE
2005013782	BADGER, CONNOR DANIEL	12/30/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	BADGER, BENJAMIN	BADGER, SHANNON
2005013848	SOMPURAM, ANIKA	12/31/2005	NASHUA, NH	SOMPURAM, JEEVAN	BHIMI, SIRISHA

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05/30/2005	ALDRICH, RACHEL VANLORA	ALDRICH, MARY ELIZABETH	TURNER	DUBLIN
05/25/2005	AVERY, ELEANOR REBECCA	AVERY, TINA MARIE	MACHECA	BEDFORD
06/13/2005	LEBLANC, SAMUEL NELSON	LEBLANC, STEPHANIE JILL	SAWYER	BEDFORD

Total number of records 3

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SFN	Groom's Name	Groom's Residence	Bride's Name	Bride's Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
2005000107	MCKENNA, RICHARD H	DANVERS, MA	SHAFF, MARGARET A	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	01/03/2005
2005000154	HAMILTON, LAWRENCE L	CONCORD, NH	MUFFALETTO, KRISTINE D	BEDFORD, NH	BOSCAWEN	CONCORD	01/13/2005
2005000400	GILROY, MICHAEL E	BEDFORD, NH	GALGANO, NADIA E	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MEREDITH	02/05/2005
2005000415	NAY, ROLAND B	BEDFORD, NH	NORDSTROM, AMY G	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	02/09/2005
2005000540	SKIFF, JOHN E	BEDFORD, NH	BELANGER, JOYCE M	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	AUBURN	02/12/2005
2005000576	HARRISSEY, WAYNE J	BEDFORD, NH	MCKEAN, COLLEEN R	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	02/20/2005
2005000571	ROCHA, GABRIEL S	BEDFORD, NH	MOHAMED, ZARINE L	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	02/21/2005
2005000657	ROBERTSON, WILLIAM L	BEDFORD, NH	THONLE, AMPHON	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	02/25/2005
2005000796	COLE, STEVEN L	MANCHESTER, NH	HUGLI, DENISE J	BEDFORD, NH	MANCHESTER	BEDFORD	03/05/2005
2005000830	INGALLS, ROBERT D	MANCHESTER, NH	RITZE, CHRISTINE M	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	LONDONDERRY	03/12/2005
2005001353	STAPLES, EDWARD T	BEDFORD, NH	ALBIN, CHRISTINA A	BEDFORD, NH	MANCHESTER	BEDFORD	04/17/2005
2005001537	JETTE, ROBERT A	BEDFORD, NH	SICILIANO-TELLO, DONNA L	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	04/30/2005
2005001621	HANSON, SCOTT T	LEBANON, NH	LAMBERT, REBECCA L	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	04/30/2005
2005001966	DUBE, MICHAEL R	BEDFORD, NH	WINCH, DANA L	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	LACONIA	05/06/2005
2005001741	DEMMELE, WILLIAM T	BEDFORD, NH	MACWEN, MARCIA A	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	05/07/2005
2005001799	AKOURY, ROGER D	BEDFORD, NH	DAGHER, ELIANA N	MANCHESTER, NH	MANCHESTER	MANCHESTER	05/07/2005
2005001705	GAGNE, DEAN D	BEDFORD, NH	SADOWSKI, SANDRA L	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	05/07/2005
2005001749	LINSCOTT, JASON	BEDFORD, NH	O'BRIEN, COURTNEY L	BEDFORD, NH	NASHUA	MEREDITH	05/07/2005
2005001965	NADEAU, DAVID J	BEDFORD, NH	GAW, JULIE A	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	05/14/2005
2005001905	SPOONER, PERRY D	BEDFORD, NH	BUREAU, SANDRA F	BEDFORD, NH	NASHUA	NASHUA	05/15/2005
2005002196	BRODEUR, EDWARD A	MANCHESTER, NH	ROHLFING, GINNY L	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	05/20/2005
2005002080	SIMPSON, JEFFREY J	BEDFORD, NH	BIRR-CORNMAN, LESLIE A	BEDFORD, NH	DERRY	NASHUA	05/21/2005
2005002178	HERRING, DAVID A	MANCHESTER, NH	TOUBA, KALILA	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	PORTSMOUTH	05/21/2005
2005002177	NICKERSON, CHRISTOPHER	WINDHAM, NH	JORGENSEN, ELIZABETH E	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	05/21/2005
2005002428	KELLY, MICHAEL C	BEDFORD, NH	RICHARDSON, BETH A	BEDFORD, NH	MANCHESTER	CONCORD	05/28/2005
2005002343	RICHARD, SCOTT P	BEDFORD, NH	PAPE, STEPHANIE A	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	05/28/2005
2005002411	MCDOWELL, SCOTT J	BEDFORD, NH	SMITH, SARAH E	BEDFORD, NH	NASHUA	NASHUA	05/28/2005
2005002521	LYNCH, SEAN P	BEDFORD, NH	MASELLI, MARIANNE T	NEW YORK, NY	PLAISTOW	PLAISTOW	06/04/2005
2005003024	BICKERSTAFF, RICKY D	BEDFORD, NH	THEBERGE, LEIGH A	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	06/11/2005
2005002711	SCOTT, ANDRE N	TEANECK, NJ	ARAMBULO, CLAIRE P	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	06/11/2005
2005003005	THEROUX, SYLVAIN G	BEDFORD, NH	MITCHELL, DENELL M	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MILFORD	06/18/2005
2005003133	IRWIN, MICHAEL J	PHILADELPHIA, PA	REMUS, DANA A	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	TUFTONBORO	06/18/2005
2005003014	MEDIROS, MARK E	BEDFORD, NH	BENNETT, CATHERINE M	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	LONDONDERRY	06/18/2005
2005003386	GENDRON, DANIEL R	BEDFORD, NH	GATANAS, GRISEL M	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	NASHUA	06/25/2005
2005003186	DESILETS, RYAN R	BEDFORD, NH	FORSYTHE, JENNIFER M	RAYMOND, NH	RAYMOND	RAYMOND	06/25/2005
2005003481	FRASER, MARTIN J	BEDFORD, NH	DEVINE, JANINE F	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	07/01/2005

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2005003706	DUPREY, MARK W	BEDFORD, NH	TURGEON, TAMMY L	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	LACONIA	07/02/2005
2005003697	HENNESSEY, EDWARD J	ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	SULLIVAN, CAROLINE A	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	07/02/2005
2005003780	LEACH, TODD H	BEDFORD, NH	LITTLEFIELD, LEAH D	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	07/09/2005
2005003878	RADER, JEFFREY G	BEDFORD, NH	PAVANO, ROBIN L	BEDFORD, NH	CONCORD	LACONIA	07/09/2005
2005004043	RICHARD, KEITH H	NASHUA, NH	ROBATOR, AMY H	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	07/09/2005
2005004260	POPALA, K, RYAN M	BEDFORD, NH	DORER, KAREN R	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	HENNIKER	07/09/2005
2005004074	CURRAN, ALEXANDER C	BEDFORD, NH	SILVIA, KATHERINE A	BEDFORD, NH	MANCHESTER	MANCHESTER	07/09/2005
2005003914	LIBBY, RANDY J	BEDFORD, NH	CAMPAIGNE, AVERY L	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MOULTONBOROUGH	07/10/2005
2005004307	SCHAEPE, KENNETH W	BEDFORD, NH	CEASE, BRIGIDA C	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	07/16/2005
2005004121	MACIVER, SHAWN R	BEDFORD, NH	SEVIGNY, MARGUERITE A	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	HUDSON	07/16/2005
2005004120	MAYO, JEFFREY A	BEDFORD, NH	WALSH, ERIN A	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	07/16/2005
2005004308	COMEAU, MICHAEL J	BEDFORD, NH	WATSKHE, KELLEY V	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	07/16/2005
2005004490	NADEAU, DANIEL J	BEDFORD, NH	WESTCOTT, DANIELLE R	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	DERRY	07/22/2005
2005004324	NINNESS, RAYMOND W	BEDFORD, NH	PRESCOTT, MARY E	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	07/23/2005
2005004398	BEKAR, DEREK L	BEDFORD, NH	MAILLOUX, SHANNA L	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	LACONIA	07/23/2005
2005004761	DOTY, NATHAN T	BEDFORD, NH	TURGEON, NADIA N	HAMPSTEAD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	07/23/2005
2005004542	CHAMPIGNY, BRIAN D	BEDFORD, NH	GROVER, KRISTIE L	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	07/28/2005
2005004671	WOLOSKY, STEVEN	BEDFORD, NH	HANNAH, COURTNEY	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	JAFFREY	07/30/2005
2005004726	STOUT, GREGORY R	NASHUA, NH	NEAL, ELEANOR J	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	NEW CASTLE	07/30/2005
2005004664	RAYMOND, ROBERT T	BEDFORD, NH	GILBERT, COLLEEN M	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	07/30/2005
2005004668	MONAHAN, MATTHEW J	GOFFSTOWN, NH	ROWE, ERIN L	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	07/30/2005
2005004674	ENO, JEROME L	LOWELL, MA	MORRIS, AMY R	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	07/30/2005
2005004670	HALL, THOMAS R	BEDFORD, NH	LEBOEUF, LORI L	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	07/31/2005
2005004930	CARMICHAEL, JOHN D	BEDFORD, NH	BENNETT, KIM M	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	HAMPSTEAD	07/31/2005
2005005023	DVORAK, JOSEPH W	IRVING, TX	FOOTE, SHERRIE E	BEDFORD, NH	MANCHESTER	BEDFORD	08/06/2005
2005004842	REIN, PAUL E	BEDFORD, NH	IRELAND, LISA A	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	08/07/2005
2005005482	BRYSON, DANA C	BEDFORD, NH	CHARETTE, JESSICA C	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	08/12/2005
2005005254	LORIO, CHRISTOPHER S	BEDFORD, NH	CUMMINGS, LAURA J	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	SUNAPEE	08/13/2005
2005005251	FELLMAN, NATHAN E	BEDFORD, NH	NICHOLAIDES, JESSICA L	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	08/13/2005
2005005346	PETRENKO, ALEKSANDR V	BEDFORD, NH	LAFOREST, JENNIFER M	MANCHESTER, NH	MANCHESTER	BEDFORD	08/13/2005
2005005390	LUSSIER, MICHAEL J	BEDFORD, NH	THOMAS, BARBARA H	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	WOLFEBORO	08/14/2005
2005005644	BOUTILIER, WILLIAM R	BEDFORD, NH	DEMERS, ALISSA S	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	08/20/2005
2005005697	GORDON, STEVEN M	HOPKINTON, NH	KARL, LUCY J	BEDFORD, NH	CONCORD	MILFORD	08/21/2005
2005006014	TAURO, TROY N	BEDFORD, NH	PERRY, DAWN A	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	08/26/2005
2005005856	SUOZZO, JOSEPH	BEDFORD, NH	MENDONCA, MELISSA M	LONDON DERRY, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	08/27/2005
2005005978	BELAND, ADAM R	BEDFORD, NH	BERGERON, KARIN L	BEDFORD, NH	MANCHESTER	DERRY	08/27/2005

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2005006305	ZIEGLER, JOHN H	BEDFORD, NH	LANDRY, JOANNE M	GOFFSTOWN, NH	BEDFORD	WINDHAM	09/02/2005
2005006242	BELISLE, DEREK J	MANCHESTER, NH	BEAURIVAGE, LINDSEY M	BEDFORD, NH	MANCHESTER	MANCHESTER	09/03/2005
2005006264	ALBER, MICHAEL M	BEDFORD, NH	BARNEY, ALICE M	MANCHESTER, NH	MANCHESTER	LONDONDERRY	09/07/2005
2005006711	GRIFFIN, ROBERT J	BEDFORD, NH	HOLMES, JENNIFER	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	09/10/2005
2005006523	BOULETTE, RICHARD W	BEDFORD, NH	MELIA, ANN MARIE	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	09/10/2005
2005006629	SCHMITT, MATTHEW S	BEDFORD, NH	MAZZAGLIA, KAREN M	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	09/10/2005
2005007038	CALLAWAY, JUSTIN A	BEDFORD, NH	GRAM, TAMMY E	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MEREDITH	09/11/2005
2005007174	GOODFINGER, MATTHEW S	BEDFORD, NH	SANDLER, SUSAN J	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	HAMPTON	09/17/2005
2005007162	LAUGHLIN, RALPH W	BEDFORD, NH	SAULNIER, BARBARA J	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	09/24/2005
2005007040	ELLIS, WAYNE A	BEDFORD, NH	HOLT, LORRAINE V	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	09/24/2005
2005007445	VICKERY, RUSSELL W	BEDFORD, NH	SCOTT, AMANDA J	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	SUNAPEE	10/01/2005
2005007447	ROXO, NATHANIEL J	BEDFORD, NH	PETRIN, BETHANY C	NOTTINGHAM, NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	10/01/2005
2005007207	GOTT, MICHAEL D	BEDFORD, NH	LANGEVIN, MEAGAN L	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	GREENLAND	10/01/2005
2005007448	WILLMOTT, JASON V	GOFFSTOWN, NH	SHELPMAN, KIMBERLY D	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	10/01/2005
2005007874	DICKINSON, ROGER A	BEDFORD, NH	PARKER, JENNIFER E	MANCHESTER, NH	MANCHESTER	MANCHESTER	10/08/2005
2005007715	CADORETTE, LEIGH J	BEDFORD, NH	BAZIN, KIMBERLEY A	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	10/08/2005
2005007809	PORTER, JASON S	BEDFORD, NH	FLANDERS, JENNIFER A	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	CHOCORUA	10/09/2005
2005007930	THERIAULT, ROBERT R	BEDFORD, NH	ROY, BONNIE M	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	GILFORD	10/15/2005
2005007937	TYLER, CHRISTOPHER P	BEDFORD, NH	MOODY, COLETTE A	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	NASHUA	10/15/2005
2005008043	BARRY, WILLIAM R	BEDFORD, NH	MIKITA, KRISTIN R	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	10/15/2005
2005008179	MAHER, STEPHEN R	BEDFORD, NH	HAIMES, KRISTEN R	MERRIMACK, NH	MERRIMACK	MERRIMACK	10/22/2005
2005008314	THIBODEAU, SCOTT J	BEDFORD, NH	MCCLOUD, MICHELLE E	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	10/27/2005
2005008382	OLSTED, STEPHEN G	ROWLEY, MA	LAMBERT, VIVIAN B	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	10/31/2005
2005008600	SHEA, THOMAS A	BEDFORD, NH	SNOW, ROBIN J	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	HUDSON	11/04/2005
2005008778	PALIS, ROEL G	BEDFORD, NH	PALIS, ROBIN M	BEDFORD, NH	MANCHESTER	BEDFORD	11/17/2005
2005008889	BAROODY, EDWARD J	BEDFORD, NH	LECLAIR, JESSICA L	BEDFORD, NH	MANCHESTER	NEW BOSTON	11/25/2005
2005009038	SHEA, KEVIN P	BEDFORD, NH	ZBINDEN, MARLENE E	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	12/02/2005
2005009050	STOLERMAN, ELLIOT S	BEDFORD, NH	CARLSON, USA K	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	12/09/2005
2005009208	THALER, MARC A	BEDFORD, NH	PLESH, ERIN L	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	NASHUA	12/17/2005
2005009209	CORSON, WAYNE W	BEDFORD, NH	HERRING, BONNIE S	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	12/21/2005
2005009325	WALDEN, GEORGE F	BEDFORD, NH	JOHNSON, JUDITH A	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	12/31/2005
2005009324	IZZO, RONALD A	BEDFORD, NH	STEINBERG, ANDREA M	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	12/31/2005
2005009326	WILSON, WALTER J	BEDFORD, NH	WILSON, TAMI J	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	12/31/2005

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2005000043	KYPER, MARY	01/03/2005	BEDFORD, NH	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN	ZETH, STELLA
2005000197	SHEPARD, ENID	01/04/2005	BEDFORD, NH	CARPENTER, ANTHONY	MARTELL, ZELIA
2005000189	GENIAWICZ, MURIEL	01/05/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	KNOWLES, L DOUGLAS	TRIPP, JANET
2005000200	VETROMILE, MARY	01/06/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	BURKE, PATRICK	O'NEIL, ELIZABETH
2005000254	MAGEE, JANET	01/08/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	FERGUSON, THOMAS	BLYTHE, CHAROLETTE
2005000369	ZINK, CHARLES	01/13/2005	BEDFORD, NH	ZINK, CHARLES	CARROLL, DOROTHEA
2005000429	PAVLIDIS, CHARLES	01/14/2005	BEDFORD, NH	PAVLIDIS, STRAVOS	VARKAS, VICTORA
2005000512	CORNELL, MARY	01/16/2005	BEDFORD, NH	CORNELL, FREDERIC	STAPLES, MARJORIE
2005000514	CHRONES, ANGELA	01/16/2005	MERRIMACK, NH	NUNEZ, MANUEL	MANTELL, VIVIAN
2005000520	SHAW, CHARLES	01/17/2005	BEDFORD, NH	SHAW, WILLIAM	FRENCH, MYRNA
2005000565	SILVER, DOROTHY	01/18/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	FRITZ, CARL	GORIN, BERTHA
2005000618	PETTY, VIVIAN	01/18/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	BALLARD, ALFRED	GAGNE, LENA
2005000756	HOULIHAN, MICHAEL	01/22/2005	BEDFORD, NH	HOULIHAN, JOHN	KISSANE, ANNA
2005000769	MOSER, THOMAS	01/23/2005	WATERVILLE VALLEY, NH	MOSER, AUGUST	SCHRAFFT, ELIZABETH
2005000842	FRIEDENBERG, JEROME	01/24/2005	BEDFORD, NH	FRIEDENBERG, SOLOMON	LAPIDUS, EDITH
2005000786	MOFFETTE, CARMEN	01/25/2005	BEDFORD, NH	PARISEY, RICHARD	DUBE, ANNA
2005000825	MISTRETTA, CARMEN	01/26/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	MISTRETTA, CARMELLO	TERRITO, GRACE
2005000909	DEMERS, JEANNE	01/27/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	BOUCHARD, PHILIAS	GAGNE, AZILDA

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2005000961	BELIVEAU, HENRY	01/29/2005	BEDFORD, NH	BELIVEAU, HENRY	LANGLOIS, LUCINA
2005000957	ZARAKOTAS, STAVRULA	01/30/2005	BEDFORD, NH	ZARAKOTAS, VASILIOS	JOANOU, EPROSINE
2005001034	STIOUPHILE, MARC	02/01/2005	BEDFORD, NH	STIOUPHILE, ARTHUR	LACASSE, GEORGIANNA
2005001205	CLOUTHIER, IRENE	02/07/2005	BEDFORD, NH	FREDETTE, ARTHUR	AUBERT, ALPHONSINE
2005001247	COLLINS, JAMES	02/09/2005	BEDFORD, NH	COLLINS, PATRICK	MURPHY, DELIA
2005001337	GRIFFIN, ELIZABETH	02/09/2005	GOFFSTOWN, NH	ONEILL, JOHN	RYANN, SUSAN
2005001371	LEARY, ARTHUR	02/12/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	LEARY, ARTHUR	CLEARY, MARGARET
2005001512	LEDoux, YVONNE	02/16/2005	BEDFORD, NH	CHAREST, AZARIAS	LEMAY, CLEMENTINE
2005001644	CHARTIER, RITA	02/18/2005	BEDFORD, NH	SWEENEY, ADELARD	LACROIX, ROSE
2005001600	BARTLETT, AURORA	02/21/2005	BEDFORD, NH	RENE, FRANK	VALLIERE, ELIZABETH
2005001662	SOROFMAN, SOPHIA	02/21/2005	BEDFORD, NH	PANTAZOPOULOS, PETER	KAMARINOU, EUGENIA
2005001889	APOSTOLOS, OLGA	02/28/2005	BEDFORD, NH	PAPASTATHIS, EFFATHIOS	VERGAS, HELEN
2005002041	TETRO, JENNIFER	03/05/2005	MERRIMACK, NH	DUTTON, JEFFREY	JONES, CAROLYN
2005002161	GOES, ANTOINETTE	03/09/2005	BEDFORD, NH	SARRA, PRISCO	GIFELLI, ANGELINA
2005002196	GOUBOIS, LUCILLE	03/11/2005	BEDFORD, NH	DESFOSSES, OMER	LEVESQUE, LILIANE
2005002300	MEISNER, HELEN	03/11/2005	BEDFORD, NH	SULLIVAN, WILLIAM	SULLIVAN, MARY
2005002298	BAINES, MARY	03/15/2005	BEDFORD, NH	WHITE, GEORGE	PRIOR, EDITH
2005002268	COLLINS, DOROTHY	03/16/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	FALVEY, JOHN	JORDON, MARGARET

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2005002361	RICHARD, LORETTE	03/17/2005	BEDFORD, NH	MOREAU, HENRY	THIBODEAU, EUGENIE
2005002376	SELVOSKI, HELEN	03/17/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	WARMINSKI, JOSEPH	UNKNOWN, HELEN
2005002664	DALEY, WILLIAM	03/27/2005	CONCORD, NH	DALEY, DANIEL	CODY, MARY
2006002691	ROGERS, BERNADETTE	03/28/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	MACKIE, LEO	BELEW, VERONICA
2005002707	SZOPA, ADDIE	03/29/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	SILVER, JAMES	NORRIS, ADDIE
2005002708	WOHR, ROBERT	03/29/2005	BEDFORD, NH	WOHR, EUGENE	GUNN, ADA
2005002932	DIONNE, LAURETTE	04/07/2005	BEDFORD, NH	VILLEMURE, FERDINAND	LUSSIER, ROSE
2005002984	MCCELROY, BEVERLY	04/09/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	JENKINS, CHARLES	DEWEY, ALICE
2005003002	JOHNSON, YVONNE	04/09/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	LANDINI, GABRIEL	SALVO, ANNETTE
2005003046	WEINREICH, KATHRYN	04/12/2005	BEDFORD, NH	WEIKEL, ELMER	MERWINE, ANNIE
2005003173	DANIELSON GARDNER, DOROTHY	04/17/2005	BEDFORD, NH	BALL, RICHARD	BONNER, CATHERINE
2005003266	MUNFORD, CECILE	04/19/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	LAMBERT, LOUISE-PHILIPPE	ANCTIL, ADELE
2005003417	QUINLAN, EVELYN	04/21/2005	MERRIMACK, NH	KOEHLER, GEORGE	MCKNIGHT, IDA
2005003347	HEBERT, MARY	04/22/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	WILSON, CYRUS	MCQUESTEN, MARY
2005003533	HURLEY, DANIEL	04/30/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	HURLEY, CORNELIUS	PURTELL, ANNA
2005003523	BOUTHILLIER, FLORENCE	05/01/2005	BEDFORD, NH	BERGEVIN, WILFRED	ROY, OLIVINE
2005003866	TOTTE, THERESA	05/10/2005	MERRIMACK, NH	LAMOUREUX, ROLAND	PRIVE, ALBERTA
2005003804	PERRY, RICHARD	05/11/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	PERRY, PETER	FONTAINE, NORA

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2005003829	CURTIN, PAUL	05/11/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	CURTIN, WILLIAM	KIERNAN, MARY
2005003865	GRAUPNER, DAVID	05/13/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	GRAUPNER, ERNEST	HOHMAN, MARTHA
2005003929	ACORN, ROBERT	05/13/2005	BEDFORD, NH	ACORN, J ALONZO	HODGMAN, FLORENCE
2005003981	PINEAULT, RITA	05/17/2005	BEDFORD, NH	PROULX, ROMEO	COULOMBE, EVA
2005003993	JANTEL, BERNARD	05/18/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	JANTEL, ALBERT	SKALKEY, GUSSIE
2005004025	ANNETTE, EMILY	05/18/2005	BEDFORD, NH	BROUGH, LEWIS	COLDWELL, MARTHA
2005004027	CRABTREE, MARY	05/20/2005	BEDFORD, NH	MAC IVER, JOHN	HASTINGS, MARGARET
2005004078	KNIGHT, ALICE	05/20/2005	BEDFORD, NH	TIRRELL, NATHAN	STILES, CLARA
2005004142	GRADY, MARY	05/22/2005	BEDFORD, NH	MAKAVICH, PETER	BARNATAVICH, EVA
2005004238	MUNSON, JUDITH	05/23/2005	LEBANON, NH	YATES, WILLIAM	BURDICK, FLORENCE
2005004148	WHEELER, LILLIAN	05/25/2005	BEDFORD, NH	KNIGHT, BURTON	JONES, ALMEDA
2005004202	ROBOTTI, STEPHANIE	05/27/2005	BEDFORD, NH	FULCO, SALVATORE	CAMPARATA, ROSE
2005004257	JENSEN, CALVIN	05/28/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	JENSEN, CALVIN	MALISHESKI, GENEVIEVE
2005004242	HUDSON, ALEXANDRA	05/30/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	KERR, JOHN	RYAN, KATHRYN
2005004261	WARREN, BEVERLY	05/30/2005	BEDFORD, NH	EDMUNDS, PERLEY	SMITH, GLADYS
2005004318	ISHAM, EDITH	05/31/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	ORVIS, CHARLES	FOX, RUTH
2005004459	HUNT, DAVID	06/02/2005	SALEM, NH	HUNT, DAVID	ROCHE, BARBARA
2005004417	PHILIBERT, ERNEST	06/03/2005	BEDFORD, NH	PHILIBERT, ARTHUR	HALLE, ANGELINE



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2005004495	BRIAND, VIRGIE	06/07/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	HUFFMAN, JOHN	BEBEU, WINNIE
2005004566	RUSS, FRANCES	06/07/2005	BEDFORD, NH	WILKINSON, ROBERT	WELLS, MARJORIE
2005004510	LEMAY, GERARD	06/09/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	LEMAY, THOMAS	FAUCHER, MINNIE
2005004579	MORRISSETTE, ARTHUR	06/12/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	MORRISSETTE, ARTHUR	CROTEAU, RITA
2005004880	CAIL, WILLIAM	06/24/2005	BEDFORD, NH	CAIL, WILLIAM	MACLEAN, KATIE
2005004930	CROWLEY, JOHN	06/25/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	CROWLEY, C STEPHEN	HARGRAVES, RUTH
2005004939	ZIARKO, STANLEY	06/26/2005	BEDFORD, NH	ZIARKO, ANTHONY	DZIEDZIC, ANNA
2005004967	AIKEN, JACOB	06/27/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	AIKEN, DANIEL	DETTINGER, HELEN
2005005045	BAKER, JAMES	06/28/2005	BEDFORD, NH	BAKER, JESSE	STALLARD, HATTIE
2005005028	DUSSEAU, THOMAS	06/30/2005	MERRIMACK, NH	DUSSEAU, SAMUEL	WARD, MARY
2005005064	SZAREK, RONALD	06/30/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	SZAREK, ALBERT	HABAY, STELLA
2005005171	CROATTI, MONA	07/02/2005	BEDFORD, NH	MARVAS, NICHOLAS	ELLIOTT, CATHERINE
2005005322	VIGNEAULT, ARMAND	07/10/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	VIGNEAULT, PHILIP	UNKNOWN, ODELE
2005005282	BLAKE, THELMA	07/11/2005	BEDFORD, NH	RANDALL, DAN	MOORE, ALICE
2005005525	LAMPSON, ROBERT	07/15/2005	BEDFORD, NH	LAMPSON, ANTONIO	CARRIGNAN, LEA
2005005533	MILLER, PAUL	07/16/2005	BEDFORD, NH	MILLER, MARTIN	AHEARN, MARY
2005005557	MOSSEAU, KAREN	07/20/2005	MERRIMACK, NH	JENSEN, ERIC	SQUIRES, SHIRLEY
2005005634	CARBONNEAU, MICHAEL	07/21/2005	MERRIMACK, NH	CARBONNEAU, LIONEL	PHILLIPS, JANE

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2005005769	RUSSO, PHILIP	07/28/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	RUSSO, BERNARDINO	CASAZZA, RAFFAELA
2005005835	BAKER, IRENE	07/29/2005	MERRIMACK, NH	PRATTE, HENRY	HEBERT, GRACE
2005005914	LANOJETTE, EILEEN	08/01/2005	BEDFORD, NH	MANNING, JAMES	WEEKS, BEULAH
2005006021	HANSON, ARTHUR	08/06/2005	BEDFORD, NH	HANSON, GEORGE	BISHOP, LENA
2005006016	NUGENT, LILLIAN	08/07/2005	BEDFORD, NH	HICKS, WILLIAM	SWITZER, HATTIE
2005006138	HAMILTON, JAMES	08/12/2005	BEDFORD, NH	HAMILTON, FRANCIS	SATTERFIELD, LULA
2005006173	BISSENNETTE, ALAIN	08/13/2005	WARNER, NH	BISSENNETTE, ROBERT	AUGER, GERALDINE
2005006177	GOLDSTEIN, LOUIS	08/13/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	GOLDSTEIN, ISRAEL	SCHMIDT, HANNAH
2005006203	PINARD, ARMAND	08/14/2005	BEDFORD, NH	PINARD, ALFRED	ST PIERRE, ALBERTINE
2005006275	HAMEL, RAYMOND	08/18/2005	BEDFORD, NH	HAMEL, RAYMOND	PECTEAU, MARIE
2005006358	GODFREY, COOKIE	08/20/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	NEWBART, BURTON	SHIMAMURA, MAYA
2005006451	BARELA, BEATRICE	08/24/2005	BEDFORD, NH	MALONE, JAMES	AVILA, ANTONIA
2005006729	BOUTELL, ETHEL	09/02/2005	BEDFORD, NH	BOUTELL, ROBERT	PARKHURST, LUNA
2005006730	LESSARD, THERESA	09/03/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	PARADIS, ARMAND	MANSEAU, JULIETTE
2005006766	BATEMAN, AVA	09/05/2005	LEBANON, NH	BATEMAN, JOHN	HARLESS, KRISTINA
2005006938	ROHAN, THOMAS	09/13/2005	BEDFORD, NH	ROHAN, THOMAS	MORIARTY, HONORAH
2005006992	WHEELER, DONALD	09/14/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	WHEELER, ERNEST	O'MAHONEY, AGNES
2005007004	SACKS, LILLIAN	09/14/2005	BEDFORD, NH	GOLDMAN, HARRY	UNKNOWN, ETTY

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2005007121	AUGER, DEBORAH	09/18/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	WALKER, JEROME	KUEMMEL, PATRICIA
2005007066	BOISVERT, BEATRICE	09/19/2005	BEDFORD, NH	BOISVERT, ALBERT	PERUSSE, VICTORIA
2005007195	NASH, DONALD	09/21/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	NASH, BENJAMIN	MACOMBER, FLORENCE
2005007274	WRIGHT, CHARLES	09/25/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	WRIGHT, ATWOOD	FEWER, MARY
2005007359	DRISCOLL, ROBERT	09/25/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	DRISCOLL, WILLIAM	NEWTON, KATHERINE
2005007355	DOHERTY, GEORGE	09/26/2005	BEDFORD, NH	DOHERTY, GEORGE	HANSON, SHIRLEY
2005007408	STEVENER, EDWARD	09/30/2005	BEDFORD, NH	STEVENER, EDWARD	LUBEY, ALICE
2005007453	MAIELLO, JERRY	10/02/2005	BEDFORD, NH	MAIELLO, THOMAS	TRYA, LUCY
2005007507	MANNION, IRENE	10/02/2005	BEDFORD, NH	DEMERS, ARTHUR	BEAUDOIN, LAURA
2005007446	BILODEAU, ISABELLE	10/03/2005	BEDFORD, NH	ROBINSON, LINWOOD	LORRY, ELSIE
2005007547	JOYAL, LEE	10/05/2005	DERRY, NH	JOYAL, ALFRED	STRAIGHT, EDITH
2005007680	TRIPP, ALFRED	10/07/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	TRIPP, HORACE	ARNOLD, EVA
2005007676	ROY, RAYMOND	10/10/2005	BEDFORD, NH	ROY, ALEXIS	FAUCHER, YVONNE
2005007615	NORTHBRIDGE, HENRY	10/13/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	NORTHBRIDGE, HOWARD	JANHONEN, JAN
2005007607	KONDRACKA, ANNA	10/14/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	KENDRICK, JOSEPH	PARESKEVICZ, GABREAL
2005007876	WAJDA, FRANK	10/14/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	WAJDA, JOHN	UNKNOWN, MARIA
2005008000	YAROMA, DOROTHY	10/21/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	MARTINATH, WILLIAM	RAE, AGNES
2005008081	THEROUX, BRADY	10/21/2005	CONCORD, NH	THEROUX, SYLVAIN	RAGAS, DENELL

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2005007983	MORRIS, SERGE	10/22/2005	BEDFORD, NH	MORRIS, NICHOLAS	KIACHEK, HELEN
2005008005	LUCAS, GERTRUDE	10/22/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	MARKS, FRANK	PLISKY, MARY
2005008048	SKOGLUND, RALPH	10/22/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	SKOGLUND, RALPH	CUNNINGHAM, ALICE
2005008003	PERRY, JOHN	10/23/2005	BEDFORD, NH	PERRY, HORACE	WOODBURY, DORIS
2005008054	PATRYN, STEPHEN	10/24/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	PATRYN, JOSEPH	PIOTROWSKI, FRANCES
2005008121	DUBOIS, DORIS	10/25/2005	BEDFORD, NH	DUSSEAUT, J OMER	GREY, MARY
2005008146	FRIZZELL, MARGUERITE	10/27/2005	MERRIMACK, NH	LESSARD, THEODORE	DUCLOS, THERESA
2005008135	BOGERS, RONALD	10/28/2005	BEDFORD, NH	BOGERS, HENRY	LIEBY, DOROTHY
2005008176	BLASI, VIRGINIA	10/29/2005	BEDFORD, NH	CRISCUOLI, VIRGINIO	ABATE, FRANCES
2005008283	BRACKETT, MURIEL	10/29/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	CARON, ARTHUR	LAVALLEE, LAURA
2005008398	LAVALLEE, PAUL	10/29/2005	BEDFORD, NH	LAVALLEE, OSCAR	LEBEL, THARSILE
2005008269	FRONGILLO, WILLIAM	11/01/2005	PORTSMOUTH, NH	FRONGILLO, FELIX	BROGNA, MARIA
2005008289	DUTRA, NATHALIE	11/01/2005	BEDFORD, NH	GRAVEN, JOSEPH	KNIPPING, ANNETTE
2005008312	MCGRATH, MARION	11/02/2005	BEDFORD, NH	RYAN, JAMES	DOLAN, HANNAH
2005008300	MURPHY, THOMAS	11/02/2005	BEDFORD, NH	MURPHY, VINCENT	KELLEY, ARLINE
2005008348	JONES, GEORGE	11/05/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	JONES, CLARENCE	HART, SARA
2005008412	ROSSITER, SCOTT	11/07/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	ROSSITER, WILLIAM	IRELAND, JEANNETTE
2005008446	GARCZYNSKI, WALTER	11/07/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	GARCZYNSKI, LUDWIK	KOZIEN, BARBARA

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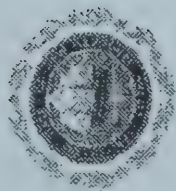
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2005008482	BELLEROSE, LAURETTE	11/07/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	COTE, IBRAHIM	CAYOUTTE, EVANGELINE
2005008498	GAGNON, ALFRED	11/08/2005	BEDFORD, NH	GAGNON, EMANUEL	COTE, BLANCHE
2005008500	VAN LOAN, EUGENE	11/08/2005	BEDFORD, NH	VAN LOAN, EUGENE	LASSEN, HELEN
2005008489	ANDERSON, THERESE	11/09/2005	BEDFORD, NH	PARADIS, NOEL	BELLE, DELIA
2005008564	PLOTZ, FLORENCE	11/13/2005	BEDFORD, NH	ROSS, ABRAHAM	ROSENSTREICH, ANNIE
2005008757	MCDERMOTT, NELSON	11/18/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	MCDERMOTT, NELSON	DONNELAN, JOSEPHINE
2005008761	MOHER, PAULINE	11/18/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	BOUTELL, ROBERT	PARKHURST, LUNA
2005008791	WAGELING, BEVERLY	11/19/2005	BEDFORD, NH	CLAUS, OTTO	LAPOINTE, EVA
2005008818	BOUVIER, STELLA	11/21/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	TERRIAULT, TELESOPHORE	NADEAU, CORONA
2005008847	DUHAIME, YVETTE	11/22/2005	BEDFORD, NH	GOUDREAU, ULDERIC	COURTEAU, HELEN
2005008926	PARIS, JOSEPHINE	11/24/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	ROZMUS, FRANK	POTOCZNA, MARY
2005008973	PETERSON, MARGUERITE	11/24/2005	BEDFORD, NH	DUBOIS, ARTHUR	DALLAIRE, ALBERTINE
2005008938	KNEELAND, ALICE	11/26/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	CUSICK, GEORGE	JONES, ALICE
2005008955	FLEMING, EVELYN	11/27/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	CASEY, HECTOR	BOURQUE, LEAH
2005009084	EDWARDS, BARBARA	12/02/2005	BEDFORD, NH	CRAWFORD, WALTER	GARDNER, LOUISE
2005009181	HOSSFELD, CATHLEEN	12/03/2005	BEDFORD, NH	GUPTILL, ROBERT	COMEAU, EDITH
2005009172	ZINK, SARAH	12/04/2005	MERRIMACK, NH	KAUFFMAN, ALVIN	NIELSON, ALICE
2005009260	BUVIDAS, ALGERDI	12/07/2005	BEDFORD, NH	BUVIDAS, ANTHONY	BALCHUNIS, ROSE

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2005009285	CRYAN, KATHERINE	12/08/2005	BEDFORD, NH	KORNGIEBEL, JOHN	FITZPATRICK, JULIA
2005009358	BOURGEOIS, JOANNE	12/13/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	BOURGEOIS, MAURICE	AUGER, IRENE
2005009404	GAHAGAN, ALVINE	12/13/2005	MERRIMACK, NH	CYR, VITAL	BERNIER, FELICITE
2005009452	JONES, NANCY	12/13/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	CADY, JOHN	UNKNOWN, MARION
2005009440	VAN LOAN, ANNA	12/14/2005	BEDFORD, NH	SCHONLAND, ARTHUR	GAAM, UNA
2005009510	BAINES, KENNETH	12/18/2005	MERRIMACK, NH	BAINES, ALBERT	SPENCER, KATHERINE
2005009538	MORRISON, DENNIS	12/18/2005	BEDFORD, NH	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN	MCLAUGHLIN, GEORGIANA
2005009544	GOSSELIN, CLAIRE	12/18/2005	BEDFORD, NH	DURETTE, JEAN	RICHARD, IDA
2005009552	RAINONE, LINDA	12/18/2005	BEDFORD, NH	TETI, ROY	GUADAGNO, MARIE
2005009555	CARRUTH, CHARLES	12/20/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	CARRUTH, CHARLES	O'NEIL, MAY
2005009563	MONNELLY, JOHN	12/20/2005	BEDFORD, NH	MONNELLY, FRANK	NEALON, CATHERINE
2005009592	DIXON, JOHN	12/22/2005	GOFFSTOWN, NH	DIXON, JAMES	PAIGE, BEATRICE
2005009701	BOUCHARD, ROSE	12/22/2005	BEDFORD, NH	MERRILL, EDWARD	CHARBONEAU, MARY
2005009741	HERRINGTON, PLUMA	12/22/2005	BEDFORD, NH	GARNEAU, JOSEPH	HOUSE, PEARL
2005009708	KESSEL, ELEANOR	12/23/2005	BEDFORD, NH	BENT, JOHN	GATELY, GRACE
2005009685	RYAN, G	12/24/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	NICHOLS, DR WALLACE	ANDERSON, GRACE
2005009664	LARRIVEE, ROGER	12/25/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	LARRIVEE, HENRY	GALLANT, MILDRED
2005009657	SHEA, RITA	12/31/2005	MANCHESTER, NH	O'CONNOR, PATRICK	MCKINLEY, MARY

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ANNUAL REPORT

(for the year ending June 30, 2005)

2006 ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

SESSION I (Deliberations)

Tuesday, February 7, 2006 - 7 p.m.

SESSION II (Ballot Vote)

Tuesday, March 14, 2006 - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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for the year ending June 30, 2005

DISTRICT OFFICERS

Moderator

Ryk Bullock 2007

Clerk

Kathleen VanAnglen 2007

Treasurer

Peter Herdklotz 2007

School Board

Daniel Sullivan, Chairman 2008

Susan Thomas, Vice Chairman 2006

Cindy Chagnon 2006

David Sacks 2007

Stephen Beals 2008

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REPORT OF THE BEDFORD SCHOOL BOARD

The school year 2004-2005 was marked by a concerted effort by the Bedford School Board to fully examine all legitimate options for a Bedford High School. The first step was to establish a High School Planning Committee to act as an independent agent for fact finding and analysis. The second and most constructive element was the hiring of an architect to represent the district in creating the bid proposals, reviewing them with the board and Planning Committee and ultimately screening the final five bidders to ensure that comparisons were fair. The outcome was a low bid of \$49.6 million by Eckman Construction from Bedford. This bid was for two schools not just a high school.

Mr. Steve Beals, a resident, along with Mr. Norm Longval, another longtime resident, brought forward a plan for consideration that called for a middle school (grades 7 and 8) and a high school (grades 9 through 12) to be constructed on the 41 acre site owned by the school district on Nashua Road. There was great skepticism of such a plan and in fact even outright hostility. However, the composition of the Planning Committee and its chairman, Tom Johnson, allowed for discussion, review, inquiry and analysis. This ultimately led to a recommendation by the Planning Committee with unanimous approval from the school board to move forward on the two-school plan. The net result of this collaboration suggests that the building facilities needs upon completion of this project will be met into the foreseeable future for all grades K through 8. The high school and the middle school will both be expandable as the enrollment needs dictate in the future.

The board proposal for the two-school complex passed by a vote of 4410 to 2060, with the required supermajority.

The day-to-day efforts by the school administration and staff continue to yield positive results. All school districts are faced with the challenges of the "No Child Left Behind" law. This district has embraced the concept of the No Child Left Behind and has moved to improve our teaching capabilities through staff development and application of sophisticated student performance measurement. This system provides almost immediate feedback to where the student is at in terms of meeting and moving forward with the curriculum being presented.

Our students are being challenged in the classroom as never before and they are meeting ever higher standards of achievement and expectations. Our lines of communication with parents are open to the needs of parents. Our administration, Leadership Team, and staff in our schools strive for the best for their students and are to be commended in performing a very difficult job.

As a school board member, I want to thank this community for its broad support for educational needs in our district. The new schools being brought on line in the fall of 2007 are a clear reflection of this town's commitment to their students.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Sullivan, Chairman

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The 2004-2005 school year was a particularly eventful one for the Bedford School District. The school board and administration, with much input from the community, studied intently, and brought to a conclusion, facilities options to address crowding in grades pre-K through eight and to address the long-standing question of a Bedford high school. The district continued the implementation of innovations in curricula and assessment. We provided significant, high quality professional development for the district's professional and support staff, and developed an updated website. I appreciate the opportunity to describe these initiatives in more detail in the following paragraphs, to recognize the contributions of the members of the school board and to invite all Bedford residents to become involved in our schools.

Facilities Planning

Two parallel high school studies took place within the community during the year. Resident Haig Yaghoobian proposed the Bedford Academy, a private-public high school governed by a private board of trustees and funded by tax dollars. At the same time, the Bedford School Board charged a High School Planning Committee, chaired by resident Tom Johnson, with studying a public school option. Residents Stephen Beals and Norm Longval suggested a combination middle school/high school as a way to solve the district's pre-K through grade 8 crowding while also providing an in-district high school. The High School Planning Committee, with the help of a consulting architectural firm, Jordan and Barker of Concord, NH, developed a Request for Proposals (RFP). The RFP called for architects and construction managers to join into teams to enter a design/price competition. The winning team, Marinace Architects, P.A. and Eckman Construction Company, submitted the lowest price and was deemed through an extensive checklist to have the best design of the proposals submitted. Assistant Superintendent for Finance Timothy Mayes used his previously developed spreadsheet model to project the tax implications of the building and operating costs of the project over time.

Both the Bedford Academy and the public middle school/high school proposal appeared on the March 2005 warrant. The Bedford Academy was defeated 5,244 to 1,127. The middle school/high school proposal passed with 68% of the vote, 4410 to 2060. Voters also approved raising and appropriating \$200,000 to fund the design of a road connecting Nashua and Wallace Roads, in cooperation with the Town of Bedford and the State of New Hampshire as part of the Route 101 Corridor Study. The road would be dual-purpose, easing traffic on Route 101 and providing a second entrance to the middle school/high school complex.

On May 9, 2005 the school board named the current assistant principal of McKelvie Middle School, Edward Joyce, as the principal-elect of the future grades 7-8 middle school.

Elementary and Middle School Curriculum and Assessment

As you will read in the reports from our school principals that follow, our elementary and middle schools offer experiences that help children to grow academically, physically, and as contributing members of their community.

The use of Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) computer-adaptive assessments in grades 3-8, and *Open Court* reading and *Everyday Math* texts in the early elementary grades has led to an increased understanding of individual student growth and increasingly effective instruction in the critically important areas of reading, language arts and mathematics.

Assistant Superintendent McGee and a committee made up of the Directors of Technology and Special Education, principals, instructional specialists, teachers and parents developed a new standards-based report card that would give parents and students information regarding their progress on district standards as well as individual progress. The report card will be implemented in the 2005-2006 school year.

Retaining Professional and Support Staff

In March 2005, Bedford residents approved the first year of a three-year negotiated contract with the Bedford Education Association (BEA), Bedford's professional staff association. The contract will allow us to remain competitive with surrounding districts in attracting and retaining high quality staff while moderating cost increases for health insurance through cost sharing with employees.

A three-year contract with the Bedford Education Support Staff Association (BESSA) was also negotiated, funded by the voters in March 2005 and implemented July 1, 2005. As with the BEA contract, the agreement included employee health insurance cost sharing.

A five-year transportation agreement was negotiated with Goffstown Truck. The new contract extends from July 1, 2005 through June 2010.

Website Redesign

Director of Technology Karl Haven and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Chip McGee worked on a redesigned school district website, with a more user-friendly front page, new graphics and underlying database. The new website was launched on December 15, 2004.

Recognition

Good schools are created and sustained, and constantly improved, by teachers, instructional aides, volunteers, custodians and maintenance workers, cafeteria staff, nurses, secretaries, clerks, administrators, technology support, students, and supportive taxpayers. These people, not bricks and mortar, are the stuff of great schools! I wish to thank each for the role he or she plays in making our schools more effective, satisfying places to work and learn.

Offering to serve as a school board member has an aspect of near masochism about it: one earns less money per year than the gas consumed coming to meetings, works countless hours including many lengthy evenings out, and loses sleep struggling over difficult decisions without the luxury of the hindsight available to critics. I wish to express my appreciation to both past and present board members, all of whom have brought their energies, time and talents to the difficult task of

translating the community's values into the best possible educational experience for our children. I encourage all who read this report to take the time to express thanks to Bedford's board members in the coming year even when, and perhaps particularly when, you disagree with them – and to consider offering yourself as a school board candidate in the future. Few tasks of citizenship have more lasting value.

An Invitation and a Request

If you pay taxes in Bedford, you are an owner of the Bedford schools. Particularly if you do not have children in the schools and so do not often have reason to be in them during the school day, I encourage you to visit and see what you own! Please call a building principal if you would like to have a tour of one or more of our schools in action.

If you have a few hours to spare, I encourage you to become a volunteer in one of our schools. Ask a current volunteer, of which there are hundreds in Bedford, and they will speak of the satisfaction it brings. I find that spending even a brief time with the children in our schools is a tonic, buoying my spirit and refreshing my optimism regarding our future.

Finally, I encourage you to call me personally if you have concerns, suggestions, or praise for a person or program in the Bedford School District. In addition to one-on-one conversations in person or on the telephone, along with all of Bedford's other administrators I enjoy being invited to homes so that in small neighborhood groups we can share what the schools are doing and you can share thoughts and questions we need to hear. The more we communicate, the better our schools can become.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann G. Remus, Superintendent of Schools

MEMORIAL SCHOOL – PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Character education is an integral part of learning at Memorial School. Each month, we learn about a new character trait. Each day during morning announcements, students hear encouraging ideas about growing up and getting along with others at school. Our guidance counselor, Kim Howard, teaches a lesson about each trait in every first through fifth grade classroom. Classroom teachers incorporate the monthly traits in their morning meetings.

We set a goal this year to provide more opportunities for families to participate in school activities throughout the school year. We held a Family Math Night in the fall, a nutrition night at the Hannaford Supermarket in Bedford, our annual Spring Fling, and our first Family Literacy Night. We would like to thank the Memorial staff, Memorial School’s Community Council, our students and their families, the Parent Teacher Group (PTG), Carrabba’s Restaurant, Hannaford Supermarket, Coca Cola, the Bedford community and other area businesses for making these events such a big success.

Curriculum implementation and monitoring students’ academic growth continue to be a top priority. Our first, second and third grades all used the *Open Court* Reading Series. Students have demonstrated significant growth in their reading ability as a result of this implementation. Kindergarten and first grade teachers used the *Everyday Math* Program to teach mathematics. This program provides hands-on math experiences that help students develop a deeper understanding of math concepts and strong basic math skills. We continued to encourage families to participate in “Fact Frenzy.” During “Fact Frenzy,” parents spend three minutes each night helping students review math facts. We continue to administer the NWEA (Northwest Education Association) Assessment in the fall and spring to assess the growth of our students. This assessment gives teachers immediate and specific information about student performance that is used to plan instruction.

Memorial received the Creative Communication Poetic Achievement Award 2004. Thirty-three fifth graders and five third graders had their poems published in the anthology, *A Celebration of Young Poets*, a work which creates a poetic record of the fears, hopes, and dreams of today’s students.

In February, the New Hampshire Partners in Education Program recognized Memorial School’s Volunteer Program as it received its fifteenth Blue Ribbon Achievement Award for our exemplary partnership between parents, community members, teachers, and staff.

We worked with Ron King, a playground designer to plan our natural playground. Mr. King met with every class and helped students brainstorm ideas for a “new” playground. Students then built playground models that incorporated their ideas. Mr. King also met with the staff to hear their ideas, questions and concerns. The plan was developed and presented at a Community Forum where residents offered their input and support. Through the generosity of the PTG, Home Depot, JGE Enterprise, and many volunteers, the transformation of the playground began over the summer. This is a multiphase project which will serve the children of Memorial School as well as the Bedford community.

We are proud of our Student Council, which raised \$829.70 to help support the UNICEF program. The Student Council worked with the “Trick or Treat for UNICEF” program to collect donations for children around the world who are less fortunate than we. All funds raised in 2004 for this UNICEF program were earmarked for the global initiative to eradicate polio.

Milan Sandu was the winner of our Geography Bee. Milan went on to represent us at the state-level Bee at Keene State College. Our Spelling Bee winner was Emily Lewis. She represented Memorial at the Manchester Area Spelling Bee. Several Memorial inventors demonstrated their ingenuity at the Memorial School Invention Convention. Fifth graders William and Daniel Hughes took 1st place invention for their The Visor View. Lindsay Pollock took the fourth grade Rube Gold Award for her Rube Goldberg Doorbell, while Chris Sievers’ Marble in a Can took first place for the third grade. These students went on to compete at the state level Young Inventors’ Celebration. Lindsay Pollock won “Best Individual Effort” and William and Daniel Hughes received the “Fun and Leisure” award. Two teams represented Memorial School at the Destination ImagiNation regional tournament. The teams included the following students: Catherine Andersen, Emily Peach, Kayleigh Moquin, Savannah Hayes, Britany Ducharme, Samuel Richmond, Taylor Peach, Brock Higley, Annika Morrell, Christina Neumann, Katharine Cusack, Justin Hayes, Rachel Larrivee, Gabrielle Lawrence, and Hannah Purcell.

Several Memorial teachers worked with Deb Rodd, our technology teacher, to develop technology projects that integrate technology with curriculum. Carole Lewis, BEEP teacher, created a *Kidspiration* activity on attributes that help preschoolers with sorting. Kindergarten teacher Lisa Belanger used *HyperStudio* to create a Geometry Stack that teaches children about shapes. Two first grade teachers developed *iMovies*. Debbie Ross, created an *iMovie* about nutrition, while Denise Fournier’s *iMovie* teaches students about the community. Second grade teacher Leslie Fredette used the *TimeLiner* program that will help second grade students create Autobiography timelines. Grade 3 teachers, Dee Herrin, Kate LaRochelle, Amy Knepper and Cindy Zibel, along with special educator Daria Green used *Kidspiration* and *AppleWorks* to incorporate technology with *Open Court*. Digital Storytelling has come alive with fourth grade teacher Cheryl Mousseau. Students create a movie based on their writing which helps young writers develop a stronger sense of voice. Courtney Hannah, SEED teacher, helped students make a Line Design *iMovie* to teach their peers how to create line designs. After viewing the movie, students used a computer program to create their own line designs. As seen through these and other examples of our teachers’ efforts, our students are afforded many rich opportunities to use technology to learn.

Memorial gives sincere thanks to the Bedford community for its continued support. We thank the school board, superintendent and assistant superintendents for their direction and guidance. Special thanks to the PTG for its generous support and also to our volunteers for their selfless giving of their time and work on so many projects. Sincere thanks to our staff, parents, and students who make this a wonderful place to work and learn.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Ilg, Principal

PETER WOODBURY SCHOOL – PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

The mission of the Peter Woodbury School is to integrate teaching, learning and caring in our community. We strive to cultivate an environment that fosters academic excellence, respects diversity, and builds a foundation for lifelong learning. A partnership with home, school and community is essential for our success. Curriculum and assessment initiatives by all educators focus on defining and achieving high standards of learning and instruction. The use of technology supports curriculum integration by creating innovative teaching and learning experiences. Committed to excellence, the staff of the Peter Woodbury School is dedicated to the goal that all students reach challenging levels of performance so that they will achieve their highest potential!

Highlights of the school year included ...

Curriculum/Assessment

Using the results of the NWEA (Northwest Education Association) and other assessment programs, all grade levels set measurable goals for academic programs. For example, our school’s fourth grade teachers designed an instructional program that involved all of their students in lessons that focused on the composition/writing process. Using NWEA scores, differentiated instruction and flexible grouping became key instructional techniques that contributed to the academic success of each student. Special education teachers, the reading specialist, and the enrichment teacher were also key contributors to the project. During the year, NH Commissioner of Education Lyonel Tracy and State Board of Education member Mary McNeil visited our school to observe the writing program, as well as the grade two *Open Court* reading program.

The Peter Woodbury School Mentoring Program supports new teachers as trained, veteran teachers mentor them. The new teachers are guided through curriculum and assessment expectations. This program also helps new teachers become members of the grade level and school teams as they learn standard school procedures.

The Peter Woodbury School’s “Homework Club” is an opportunity for our fourth and fifth grade students to stay after school where teachers and staff are available to answer questions and provide encouragement as students complete their homework. This popular program provides our students with the opportunity to catch up on missed or unfinished assignments, to peer study for tests in small groups, and to prepare for book reports or research projects.

Responsive Classroom/Enrichment

A positive school climate and culture has been established through the implementation of the strategies and beliefs of the *Responsive Classroom* Program. On a daily basis, students are reminded to maintain the quality of their interactions with peers and adults as we strive to maintain a cooperative, safe and collaborative school atmosphere.

Volunteer Program

In February, the NH Partners in Education Program recognized the Peter Woodbury School's Volunteer Program as it received its fifteenth Blue Ribbon Achievement Award for its exemplary partnership between parents, community members, teachers and staff.

Recognition

Teachers Claire Jeffrey, Lisa Lindsey, Diane Lonergan, Rosemary Nunnally, and Connie Roberge were named to Who's Who Among America's Teachers.

School/Community Partnerships

The Peter Woodbury School's Community Action Team (CAT) involves all of our fifth grade students. The students are challenged to reach out to their school, town, state, country and world communities. Student projects include food and clothing drives, a recycling program, visits to the residents of Harborside Healthcare, a community assisted living facility, and volunteerism for the NH Special Olympics organization. During the year, our students raised over \$2,500 for the relief efforts for the victims of the Tsunami.

The Peter Woodbury School's Student Council, coordinated by Cathy Fields, provides our students with an experience in governance and school/community service.

Bedford businesses, the Bedford Parent Teacher Group (PTG), and other support organizations enhanced learning and instruction through donations to special projects, classroom resources, and student visitations. We have also established school/business partnership relationships with the Bedford Mall, Centrix Bank, BJ's Wholesale Club, and the Bedford Target store.

I conclude by expressing my appreciation to the Peter Woodbury staff, the Bedford School Board, administrators, central office staff, the Bedford PTG, parents, students, and community members for their dedication to academics, learning and children.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Williams, Principal

RIDDLE BROOK SCHOOL – PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

As the 2004-2005 school year comes to a close, it is a delight to reflect upon the events that piece together the whole educational experience for the children we serve. With the importance of academic achievement at the forefront, the faculty and staff continue to orchestrate educational opportunities that strengthen, expand and enrich the minds of children. By weaving community service and the arts into our strong curriculum and instruction, our students are provided a solid foundation from which to build future learning.

Our primary purpose as an institution is our focus on the teaching and learning that takes place each day within the walls of our school. As each year passes and new research becomes available, our teachers and students work hard to make academic gains that share both meaning and purpose. The 2004-2005 school year introduced *Everyday Math* and *Open Court* to additional grade levels, having been introduced last year in kindergarten, first and second grade. With these programs, teachers are better equipped to initiate new concepts, reinforce concepts previously learned, and challenge all students to reach higher levels of thinking and learning. Additionally, our school has focused much attention on differentiation for student learning and helping students set their own academic goals for the year.

In an effort to better report these goals, Riddle Brook, along with the other Bedford schools, worked hard to develop a report card that would serve as a tool to communicate academic achievement to families. Among the changes in this tool is grading on academic growth based on district expectations as well as on individual academic growth. With the unveiling of this new report card in the fall of 2005, it is the hope of teachers that parents will better understand the academic strengths and weaknesses of their child(ren).

One of the areas of educational enrichment that the children experience at Riddle Brook is involvement in community service. While at school, the children are taught that there are many important contributions that students of every age can make. One such contribution is participation in our Students Offering Community Service or S.O.C.S team. This team consists of fourth and fifth grade students who volunteer one recess per week to help around our school. Some students empty recycle bins while others pull weeds, sweep the floor, erase boards and participate in other small tasks that help to maintain the safety and efficiency of our school. Another opportunity afforded to all of our students was a Tsunami Drive where children earned money at home to play an important part in the disaster relief effort. Our school was extremely proud of the students as they contributed over \$4,300 to this worthy cause. Lastly, Riddle Brook continues to provide our fifth grade students with an interdisciplinary economics unit entitled Winterfest. In this unit of study, students work in teams to set up a company, decide on a product to manufacture, and plan marketing strategies to sell their products. The entire student body is then invited to purchase these products on the day of Winterfest. Once the products are sold, the fifth grade students are able to donate their profits to the organizations and charities of their choosing.

The arts also play an important role in the educational experience of Riddle Brook students. With the continued support of the Bedford Parent Teacher Group (PTG), each classroom participates in the “It’s A G.A.S.” or “Great Artist Series.” As a part of this program, parent volunteers go

into classrooms each month to teach the students about a famous artist. To reinforce their learning the students are able to draw, paint or create their own piece of art using the style of the artist they studied that month. This year Riddle Brook was also fortunate to host the New England Brass. Through a grant from local banks, the New England Brass visited our school as a means of introducing brass instruments to the students. The performance was spectacular as the students watched with wide eyes the performers demonstrate brass instruments individually and as a quartet. Finally, our school was honored to host Steve Schuch as the 2004-2005 Artist In Residence. During his time with our grade two students, Mr. Schuch worked to create and record four original songs to go along with our "Animals In Winter" unit. In December the students were able to sing their original songs in front of the entire student body, as well as to host an evening performance for their parents and friends.

Riddle Brook School's academic programs, integration with the arts and technology, and many extracurricular and community service projects contribute to the strength of Riddle Brook School as a place where the children of Bedford can flourish. I would like to close this annual report by expressing my sincere thanks to the Riddle Brook School staff, students and parents, as well as the Bedford School Board, the central office administrators, and the entire community of Bedford for your support. Your dedication to quality education and the development of children continues to make our quest for educational excellence possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Fournier, Principal

McKELVIE MIDDLE SCHOOL – PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

This has been a busy and challenging year for McKelvie Middle School. Students and faculty have worked individually and as a school community to grow academically and socially. The educators continue to grow in instructional strategies to implement best practices and to improve instruction and make curriculum meaningful for all students. Students continue to demonstrate their eagerness to learn and to take on a greater role in their personal growth through their academic achievements and extra curricular activities.

In the fall and spring, all McKelvie students took part in the NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) assessments. These tests provide information at regular intervals over a student’s school career about his or her individual achievement levels in reading, language usage, and math. These computer adaptive assessments adjust the difficulty of each new question based on whether or not the previous question was answered correctly. Teachers analyze the results and work together to align curriculum and instruction based on the academic needs of their students. This year the analysis revealed that more than 40% of McKelvie students scored in the top 25% nationally in all three test areas: Math, Language Usage, and Reading. This information was instrumental in challenging teachers to realign the math curriculum and to develop differentiated units of study in reading, language arts, science, and social studies.

This year several staff development activities have enriched our curriculum and instructional practices. Seven teachers attended a two-day training in Six Traits Writing with the instructional specialist for language arts. After their extensive training, they taught the rest of the language arts teachers the components of Six Traits Writing. Two seventh grade social studies teachers were nominated and selected to participate in the Civic Learning Caucus held at St. Anselm College. The teachers brought back information to share to ensure that civic education will continue to grow as an important part of the social studies curriculum. Three other social studies teachers participated in a grant-funded initiative for middle and high school teachers of American History. They brought back information on virtual field trips, as well as numerous materials and teaching strategies related to American History. Five teachers participated in the Harvard University Project WIDE on-line courses, including Algebraic Reasoning and Differentiated Instruction. Six members of the science department participated in the yearlong Physical Science course. Eighteen teachers and administrators attended the workshop, “All About Seeing Atoms,” which provided cutting edge information about how scientists are currently “seeing” atoms using nanotechnology. Three teachers attended a math workshop, which focused on using technology to teach pre-algebra. Several teachers participated in a workshop to correlate the State of New Hampshire Grade Level Expectations in Mathematics to our district topical maps, ensuring that students are being taught the concepts and skills according to national and state standards. Fifteen teachers and administrators attended a presentation by State Math Supervisor Rich Andrusiak entitled, “Calculus: Be Not Afraid.” This presentation reinforced to teachers the role that they play at the middle and elementary levels in providing a foundation for understanding calculus later on in school. Five McKelvie staff members participated in the ten-week Annenberg Geometry Course.

Along with the traditional athletic competitions, McKelvie students continue to demonstrate their enthusiasm to grow academically in and out of the traditional classroom. Many students

participate in the school-wide Geography and Spelling Bees, with the winners going on to regional competitions. Sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students in the Advanced Writers' Group submitted numerous pieces of poetry to the Celebration of Young Poets competition and were published in the 2005 Spring edition of *Celebrate! Young Poets Speak Out*. Some of these writers also had essays and short stories published in the *High School Writer - Jr. High Edition*, which is a monthly newspaper distributed throughout the eastern United States.

Through the initiation and hard work from students, staff and community members, McKelvie supported efforts for local, national and world relief organizations. Our students supported local needs through Thanksgiving baskets, baby showers for Families in Transition, and our McKelvie Clean-Up Day. In December, the students and faculty participated in the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program, collecting almost 500 toys for New Hampshire children. In January a group of students initiated a plan to raise money for the victims of the Tsunami disaster. These students worked with parents, the Coalition for Bedford Youth (CBY) high school students, and McKelvie staff to organize and host a Saturday fundraiser for the Red Cross and the Tsunami victims. The Manchester Red Cross and Mayor Baines publicly recognized their efforts and the generosity of the Bedford community for raising over \$7,000.

This year we said farewell to several retiring sixth grade teachers: Robert Lemire, Nannette Raclin, Maureen Lembo, Pauline Raiche, and Linda Dentel. We wish them well and thank them for their many years of superior teaching. Lastly, our biggest challenge this year was coping with the loss of an important member of our school community, student John HoSang. John was respected by his peers and teachers for his positive attitude, humor, and musical talents. As his family mourns their loss, we too miss John terribly.

Each year, as I write this report and reflect on the year, I continue to be awed by the support for our school from the community, parents, teachers, and students. Everyone at McKelvie "flourishes" from this collaboration. I would like to thank the Bedford School Board, the central office, parents, students, and staff members for helping to make the McKelvie experience a rich and meaningful journey.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Raudonis, Principal

2005 ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING DELIBERATIVE SESSION

Session I – February 10, 2005

The Bedford School District Deliberative Session I was held on Thursday, February 10, 2005 at the McKelvie School. School District Moderator Ryk Bullock opened the meeting at 7 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator Bullock introduced those seated on the platform: Superintendent Ann Remus, Assistant Superintendent of Finance Tim Mayes, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Assessment Chip McGee, School District Attorney Eugene Van Loan III, School Board Members Chairman Paul Brock, Vice Chairman Dan Sullivan, Cindy Chagnon, Sue Thomas, David Sacks, and acting School District Clerk Martha Gaudes. There were approximately 200 people in the audience.

Moderator Bullock reviewed the rules of procedure for the meeting. He stated he has received one petition for secret ballot on Article 12, so any vote pertaining to that article will be taken by ballot unless the petition is withdrawn by the petitioners.

Vice Chairman Dan Sullivan thanked Chairman Paul Brock for 9 years of service. He said no one has worked harder or contributed as much to the Bedford School District than Mr. Brock. He presented a token of thanks to Mr. Brock.

Mr. Brock said it has been an interesting 9 years. "It was the best of times, it's been some worst of times as well." He said what he will miss most is the people he has served with. "We have at times agreed, we have at times disagreed. But the nature of the people with whom I have had the honor to serve are such that when we disagree we disagree agreeably." He thanked everyone.

Moderator Bullock said he has just been provided with petitions for a secret ballot on Articles 13, 14 and 15.

ARTICLE I. *[Election of officials.] To elect all necessary school district officials. (Vote by official ballot.)* Will be voted on March 8 at McKelvie School with polling hours 7 AM to 7 PM.

ARTICLE II. *[Construction of a grades 7/8 middle school/grades 9/12 high school complex, including furnishings and equipment.] (Special Warrant Article). Shall the school district raise and appropriate a total sum of Fifty Million Three Hundred Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$50,312,000) (Gross Budget) for the purposes of constructing and equipping a new grades 7 and 8 middle school and grades 9 through 12 high school complex and associated facilities to be located on land owned by the district at Nashua and County Roads, Bedford; and in order to finance said project, shall the district authorize the issuance of bonds or notes of not more than the total amount of Fifty Million Three Hundred Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$50,312,000) for such purposes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33); and shall it authorize the school board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rates of interest thereon and the maturities and other terms thereof; furthermore, shall the district raise and appropriate by general taxation the sum of One Million One Hundred*

Thirty Two Thousand Twenty Dollars (\$1,132,020) for the first year's interest payment? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote on this question.) (3/5th ballot vote required.)

Mr. Sacks moved to amend Article II to reduce the amount to be raised and appropriated and the amount to be bonded from \$50,312,000 to \$49,682,000, thereby reducing both figures by the amount of \$630,000, and to reduce the amount raised and appropriated by general taxation from \$1,132,020 to \$1,117,845, thereby reducing this figure by the amount of \$14,175. Motion seconded by Mrs. Thomas.

Moderator Bullock indicated he has just received a petition that any amendment be voted on Article II by secret ballot vote. Roy Stewart withdrew the petition.

Mr. Sacks addressed the article. He said the initial amount of \$50,312,000 includes all construction on the site plus an amount of money to deal with utilities to the site including power, water and sewer. The amount that was included for water was a worst case scenario dealing with the need to provide adequate pressure on the third floor for fire suppression. What we have since found out is that there's a better way to do this that is cheaper. As a result, instead of spending \$2.9 million on utilities, we only need to spend \$2.27 million and that covers all sewer, water and fire protection and electricity. That's the difference in the number. Vote on amended figures of \$49,682,000 and \$1,117,845 passed.

Mr. Brock gave a powerpoint presentation. Article II deals with the construction of a 7 and 8 middle school and a high school. We believe it satisfies our capital needs, our space needs for the foreseeable future. They define the foreseeable future as being the next 6 to 8 years. By combining the 2 schools we believe that this saves the Town roughly \$6.25 million over the construction of 2 separate buildings. They would withdraw the 5th grade from the current elementary schools and McKelvie School would become a grades 5 and 6. The new school would be grades 7 and 8.

Some concern has been expressed about 2 schools in close proximity. This approach and the concept has been examined well and thoroughly. This is 2 schools. It will have 2 administrations, 2 separate names, 2 principals, 2 everything's. The schools are physically separated from each other. It is quite likely a middle school student will spend a week there and never see a high school student. Looking at the curriculum, they have set very aggressive for the education of the students. They are expecting high school class sizes to be roughly 22 per class. They will be enforcing 24 credits for graduation, and will be implementing a high integration of technology and curriculum. They will still have access to the Manchester School of Technology. All of the courses being offered are being offered specifically to address the course ware currently being undertaken and attended by the Bedford students at Manchester West. They will be offering a full range of co-curricular and extra curricular activities. They believe this will be a school of the same caliber that you have come to expect of our K-8 schools.

Some of the instructional benefits of the plan include improved opportunities for acceleration for 7th or 8th grade students who have a need. High school courses will be available to them. We will have a much better ability to transition and coordinate curricular from the grade school level up through the high school level, and the layout includes multiple approaches to instruction.

They are projecting for the school year 2009-2010 we will have 1149 students in the Bedford High School and 686 in the proposed 7-8 middle school. In terms of current environment with 3 elementary and one middle school, we are currently approximately 448 students over program capacity. When the new building is built we will be approximately 252 students over capacity.

On the bond budget, the newly amended number of \$49,682,000. That is a guaranteed maximum price. That is the solid price we have received from the architect and the construction company. That amount will then be reduced by state building aid on the order of 30% which amounts to something over \$14 million, and we will also have the ability to apply impact fees of roughly \$2 million so the total reductions to the actual cost will be on the order of \$16.3 million.

Mr. Brock showed a slide on the tax impact.

Gus Garceau, 213 North Amherst Road, when you talk about what it would have been with and without the new school, does that exclude the \$2 whack we got last year? Mr. Brock said it really has nothing to do with last year's impact. Think of this as 4 years from now having these 2 new schools in town will add \$1.97 to the tax rate. It does not relate to what the current gross tax rate is, nor does it relate to what the gross tax rate might be a year or 2 years or 3 years from now. The calculations were made with fairly conservative assumptions. Once we assumed our status quo implies that our students continue to attend Manchester. The cost that we forecast into the future assumed that we would be paying no capital to Manchester. We also assumed we would be doing nothing extraordinary at a local level to account for the fact that the classrooms are currently overcrowded and are expected to get more so.

Mr. Garceau asked if the total includes all costs, construction, everything? Mr. Brock said the numbers include all capital costs, all operating costs, all start up costs, everything to get those buildings up and running.

Dennis Grimes, Bracken Circle, said one of the things he did not hear is about the 2 schools starting and ending times. They are staggered so this also goes to support the point that the kids are never going to see each other.

Mrs. Thomas said that was a concern she had when the plan first came out. Over the course of the last year we had some really good discussions. The plan that has come out of this is a tremendous plan, and there are a lot of schools, while not physically connected, they do share a campus.

Al Martore, 40 Pebble Beach Drive, said you forgot to add the highway that has to be built, the bridges that have to be built, the equipment, the extra teachers and extra staff, you forgot to add that to tell the people the truth. How much are taxes going to go up? Before you're through, you're talking about \$100 million instead of \$50 million. Our taxes are going to double.

Mr. Brock said we have been absolutely truthful. All of the operating costs, operating costs include paying for teachers, paying for all associated benefits, paying to heat and light the building, all operating costs were included in the forecasted tax numbers. Don't confuse the

connector road as a school issue. That connector road, the bridge, the improvements to Nashua Road, the improvements to Route 101, are going to happen. The fact that the school is happening might accelerate them happening by a few years, but that intersection, all of those improvements will happen whether this school happens or not.

Dave Stevener, 120 Beals Road, said he is not a member of the BSCE, the BTA, the Bedford Academy, nor the Bedford High Coalition. He is a teacher at McKelvie School. He spends 6 to 7 hours a day with the children of this community, particularly 7th graders. Right now when all the 7th grade students enter the building or return from lunch the scene in the halls reminds one of a marsh pit at a rock concert. The impending education crisis in this town has already arrived. The student to teacher ratio has continued to increase every year. When it starts to go over 25 to 1 at the middle school level, teaching becomes more difficult. He has no more room in his classroom. As the number and diversity of children increase and the teacher to student ratio also continues to increase, the quality of education is going to go down. As a teacher he hopes the people of this town will do what is right for the children.

Mark Stull, 35 Blackbird Drive, said many people send their children to Derryfield School. It is a middle school/high school combination on a campus, and it works very well. There are many other schools. He is really sold on the concept. Regarding costs, he thinks the School Board's numbers are overly conservative in 2 respects. One is interest rates. Long term interest rates have been in free fall. The 30-year bond rate is now at one of the lowest levels in the last 50 years. Borrowing now makes an awful lot of sense. If we don't build this school, we are going to be asked to contribute capital to wherever our kids go in Manchester or elsewhere.

Mr. Sullivan said one of the on-going argument levels has been the enrollments. We have right now 963 students at McKelvie. That's going to go to 997 next year assuming there's no growth. Let's say we grow by 20 kids, we're over 1000. This gym was made to accommodate 550 students originally. It is not a building sized for 1000 students with the programs we are running today. The need factor is absolutely clear. If you take grades 5, 6, 7 & 8 that are in our schools today, those total 1314 students that will move on to high school. If you take 80% of that which is approximately the kids that move from McKelvie to West, you come up with 1051. So anybody that tells you that 1000 students is going to happen 10 years from now, you'd better see if you want to buy some land in the Everglades from them because it just isn't real.

Mrs. Chagnon said Asst. Supt. Mayes has gone through an analysis of every possible cost and has calculated this so there will not be surprises. It is so thoroughly researched, it is really wonderful.

Mr. Stevener said 7th graders eat lunch from 11 o'clock to 11:30. Depending on what the hot lunch is for the day, sometimes the last child is served at 11:25, and that child has 5 minutes to eat their lunch and either go outside or come back to class. Many days we have children walking down the hallway eating their lunch to get to their next class because there are too many kids to feed and the cafeteria can't handle it. It is only going to get worse. Think of the quality of life we are giving to our kids. It's worse upstairs in the 6th grade. This building is busting at the seams.

Jolene Worden, member of High School Planning Committee, Birchwood Circle, said she has seen many letters in the newspapers citing all sorts of numbers, mostly imaginary. She has seen flyers in her mailbox that are not worthy of being walked on because of the horrific things they say. She said in front of you are 9 people who have either been elected or are paid by you the taxpayer to serve you. Their jobs depend on all of us, and if you believe that everything they are saying is false, she would challenge you to sit in their chair because the only real and honest numbers you can believe are the ones that have been produced by those 9 people. If you believe all the other numbers, they're coming from people who are not in any way responsible to the voters of this town. They can say anything they want because they're not responsible.

Jim Morgan, 39 Riddle Drive, 1095 days ago we stood in this room and debated a \$47 million high school. 26,280 hours, 6 elections, 16 months of over hundreds of volunteers volunteering their time, energy and effort to produce what is being presented today. How many letters to the editor, how many wasted millions have we sent to our sister city next door? The time has come for this community to heal. The time has come for the division in our community to end. The time has come to accept the responsibility that we must teach, we must educate, and we must facilitate the thousands of children we have produced in this community. You can say that you fear the unknown. But what's worse, is the unknown of an entrepreneur who presents a plan that doesn't solve all problems, doesn't solve the middle school problem, doesn't tell you how many students it's going to take. Then what's the cost of building a middle school separately from this middle school/high school plan. We look at a contract with Manchester that doesn't exist. We don't know what the cost is. We don't know what the impact is for capital. We don't know what the impact is for students. We don't know what the impact is when we reach Mr. Sullivan's 1051 number. What happens to the students of Bedford? Does Bedford remain at West solely? Or do the Bedford kids just get disbursed throughout the Manchester School District as the Hooksett kids are disbursed? We don't know. This school is being presented by ladies and gentlemen up there who have nothing to gain from this. I am a proponent of this school my children will not go to. Yet I still believe in the public education of our students and in Bedford having a public school. Let's stop worrying about what our tax rate is going to be. Let's fix the problem and let's fix it today.

Tim Villeneuve, 10 Gage Road, is it fair to look at the total project cost of the building construction cost, the utilities and the road that would service that driveway entrance to this building? Mr. Sullivan said it is very fair to look at all the costs that are related to the school. Mr. Villeneuve said if you add those totals, it is \$54.7 million. Mr. Sullivan said it defies logic to think that Route 101 does not need to be fixed. If this town had voted in 2002 for a high school, there was no consideration of a parallel road along 101. We would be sitting in a high school having that discussion now. Because this has come up is because the School Board and the Planning Committee said it is not fair to the residents in this immediate area to load a school, create more traffic, without some sense of an idea how to fix it. We don't build roads. If it was our job we would have it in our budget. In 2000 there was a connector road presented by the town, and the genesis was that, not the school. If by 2007 the community decides they want to build that connector road that shouldn't be viewed as belonging to the high school/middle school campus.

Mrs. Chagnon said this is not the driveway into the school. Mr. Villeneuve said he was saying the connector road that services the driveway. Mrs. Chagnon said it doesn't service the driveway. The entrance into the school is off Nashua Road. Mr. Villeneuve said he misunderstood.

Mr. Sacks said the Route 101 Corridor Study is a State project. The State has come and told us you're getting 2 lanes in each direction on 101, and we've got to get rid of the intersections that don't have lights, so you're going to have to build a connector road. That was planned for about 2012. This is not part of the school. This has to be done with or without any schools. The only difference is that situation with 101/Bell Hill/Nashua Road is already a failed intersection, it's unsafe as it is. If we pass the school and we decide let's have the school without improving that thing, it's not a good situation. So, instead of waiting for the State's timeline of 2012, we have asked the Town and the State to expedite this project. The cost of the school of \$47,412,000 & \$2,270 - end of story.

Mr. Villeneuve said the driveway does enter off Nashua Road? Mr. Sacks said as it stands right now.

Mr. Villeneuve said we just established the cost as \$49.7 million. He keeps hearing we are going to save \$6.25 million. Last year we were asked to vote on the 5-6 elementary school, and that was \$14 million, and then we were asked to vote on a high school which was \$30 million, so that totals \$44 million. He is not clear on how we are saving \$6.25 million when today's costs for this middle school/high school is \$49.7 million. It looks like we are spending \$5.7 million more than you asked for last year to solve this said problem of 7-12. How am I saving \$6.25 million?

Mrs. Chagnon said we did not have a specific plan for the \$30 million high school, so it's very difficult to compare. Building costs go up about 9% a year, so every year you put off building schools it gets 9% more expensive.

Mr. Sullivan said it was 5-6, not 7-8 which is significantly different as far as cost. The high school was not even a guestimate. It was a raw number of \$30 million without a single plan. That's not the same as having something bid out.

Mr. Villeneuve said if the numbers were speculative last year when you asked for \$44 million, are you saying that a 5-6 and a 9-12 last year would have been over \$49.7 million to the tune of \$6.25 million over. Mr. Sullivan said no. We have to run utilities, and the 5-6 was not going to need water and sewer. The price of that goes up every year too. Mr. Villeneuve asked didn't you have to run utilities to the 9-12 if that was the site last year. Mr. Sullivan said \$32 million is part of the high school. The other is \$15 million. If we were trying to duplicate those 2 schools, it would not be \$47 million. Mr. Villeneuve understood.

Mr. Stewart read a prepared statement stating he has lived in town for 44 years and has been involved in this for all that time. For over 30 years he has said when 3 numbers are reached we should consider a Bedford high school. The 3 numbers involve enrollments, curricular and extra curricular activities, and the cost and effect on the tax rate. Regarding enrollments, he said there should be 1,000 kids in the public high school. He has done the numbers and compared them to the Superintendent's numbers, and they are almost identical. They show that more than 1,000

will be in public high school by 2007, and well over 1,000 by 2008. There's no question in his mind that there will be more than 1,000 public high school students sooner than later.

Second – curricular and extra curricular activities – A Bedford high school should be able to offer the same number of courses and similar after school activities as we now enjoy in Manchester. A thousand pupil school can do so.

Third – cost and effect on the tax rate – The cost may be more than Manchester, but still must be reasonable and affordable. For the tax year 2005, without the middle school/high school, the present school tax rate will decrease from \$12.14 to \$11.38, a 76-cent reduction. For 2006 it will further decrease to \$10.58, an 80-cent reduction. With the middle school/high school the rate for the same years will decrease in 2005 to \$11.43 and will increase slightly in 2006 to \$11.56. Over 5 years it is an average of 14 cents per year for the middle school and only 25 cents for the high school or 39 cents per year for both. He feels this is both reasonable and affordable. He said the 3 numbers have been reached, it's time to solve our school problems.

Mr. Stewart said there are other reasons for the public middle school/high school over the private academy. One the public schools solve both problems, crowding at K-8 and the looming need to leave Manchester. Second, it will cost less to build. Three – the net cost after school aid and grants, if any, will be less. The operating costs are nearly identical. The total annual cost operating plus capital is nearly identical. The middle school/high school proposal has a site and a known cost. There is no speculation, no if's, and's or but's, no estimates. The construction cost being offered us today is a "best buy" due to the attractive bid price, low interest rates, cost savings in design of the building, and operating cost savings of the building. The Bedford Academy tuition contract has not been negotiated. Talks broke off months ago over at least 2 items that have never been resolved. One is there is no cap on what the Bedford Academy can charge for tuition, and if the Academy fails or if the Academy decides to terminate after any 5-year period, then the Bedford School District must assume all debts, liabilities, employees, properties, etc. of the Academy. He urges the voters to get and analyze the facts. Once you do he is sure you will do the right thing and vote yes on Article II. Mr. Stewart asked to move the question. Moderator Bullock said you can't move the question because there is no question to be moved. You can make a motion to terminate discussion. Mr. Stewart so moved. Seconded. Passed.

Paul Hannan said the work is done, our young people wait, will we respond?

Mr. Stull moved to bar any reconsideration; motion seconded; passed.

ARTICLE III. *[Funding the design of a road connecting Nashua Road and Wallace Roads.] (Special Warrant Article) If Article II passes, shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000), some or all of which may be reimbursed in the future by state and federal monies, to fund the design of a road between Nashua and Wallace Roads connecting to a new grades 7 and 8 middle school and grades 9 through 12 high school complex, the design to be completed in cooperation with the Town of Bedford and State of New Hampshire as part of the Route 101 Corridor Study?(The School Board recommends a "yes" vote on this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

Mr. Sullivan said there is a question as to whether it may be reimbursed but there are no guarantees whatsoever. What the School District is trying to do is the first step to the creation of any road for any purpose is to have it designed. As of this date there is no design of such a connector road. That process is lengthy. You would not see this road come into creation next year. This is a process where it is designed, it is bid, and then it's up to the Councilors on how they want to deal with it from that point on. This School Board is committed to pay whatever cost is directly attributable to the school, that is cuts, turning lanes, that is whatever that is directly attributable. Beyond that, they hope to work collaboratively with the town and not sandbag anyone.

Mr. Sullivan said Mr. Martore raised the question of truth in advertising. This group has tried to be scrupulously honest with the public. The point of the \$200,000 is it is a minor first step to the creation of a road that we all need. If the school benefits from it, that's great, but the \$200,000 is not moving us down a slippery slope. He urged you to favorably consider Article III.

Mr. Villeneuve said you had talked to NH DOT Commissioner Carol Murray, and although she made no promises or guarantees, what is the NH DOT project number that references this connector road? Mr. Sullivan said he did not speak to Carol Murray. He was at a meeting and she answered questions that he asked. The thrust of that meeting was the Town wanted to ask the DOT if the Town front loaded paying the bill for the road, could they expect some sort of guarantee on the part of the State that we would be reimbursed from the commitment that was originally made by the State back when the Corridor Study was done. She was very clear that she could not make any guarantees and the Town and School Board understand if we are going to do it and they won't give us a guarantee, it is our choice.

Mr. Villeneuve asked wouldn't it be prudent to reference the project number. Mr. Sullivan said to his knowledge there is no project number at this point in time. It's too far out. Mr. Villeneuve said you're saying this connector road is not on the 2005 to 2014 plan? Mr. Sullivan said our understanding at that meeting was that we were on schedule for 2012.

Mr. Villeneuve said he spoke to Elaina Bailey, Chief of Project Programming for the Bureau of Transportation and Planning for the NH DOT, and we went over all the projects from 2005 to 2014. We located only 2 that referenced 101. The next step is to talk to those project managers to find out if this connector road is planned within either of those projects. Those projects are NH DOT Project 13953 and NH DOT Project 13692. The titles of the project are Route 101. Bedford widened to 5 lanes for approximately 2 miles from Constitution Drive to Wallace Road. Mr. Sullivan said this is part of that project. Mr. Villeneuve asked if this is the project number? Mr. Sullivan said no one gave him a project number. Mr. Villeneuve said wouldn't it make sense to reference that project?

Mr. Brock said tonight was the first time we heard a project number. In all the conversations with the State and the Town Council, we've gotten assurances from both that this connector road is not being instigated by Bedford. The idea of this connector road first came up as part of the State study called the Route 101 Corridor Study done 4 years ago. The State said that connector

road has to go in and was roughly scheduled for 2011/2012. No one has ever mentioned a project number. Mr. Villeneuve said so that road is in that project number?

Moderator Bullock asked are you sure before you start doing that? Mrs. Thomas asked why for the \$200,000 warrant do we need a project number? Maybe next year or the year after it would be up to the Town Council to put on their ballot a warrant raising and appropriating the sum of money for this project. Then we could have a project number when we are actually building the road. She thinks we are premature having a project number to design a road.

Mr. Villeneuve said that would be true if you weren't tying this \$200,000 to a specific State of NH 101 study. He is just asking if this is the project number. Mrs. Thomas thinks that statement that says "may be reimbursed in the future" gives us a little leeway. It is in the 101 Corridor Study.

Mr. Sullivan said Mrs. Murray made it very clear that the Town of Bedford has to initiate a design, they have to come up with a plan for the road, that then has to go to the State for review. The State DOT would then tell them whether or not there were things in their design that they don't agree with. They then would have to clean that up, send it back to the State, and then it still has to go to the Federal Highway Administration and they ultimately have the final say. This is but a first step in a long journey. We were told by Mrs. Murray on that evening that if in fact the road is ultimately approved by the State and it was part of the Corridor Study and approved by the Feds, that reimbursability might take place.

Mr. Villeneuve said you are saying this connector road is in the Route 101 Corridor Study. Mr. Sullivan has no reason to doubt that the Town Councilors have discussed this, Mrs. Murray discussed this in an open session, he doesn't think they were trying to mislead anybody. Their response in writing clearly states that there is no commitment at this point in time to anything until the Town of Bedford presents a plan that they can review and deal with.

Mr. Brock found a memo from David Brillhart, Assistant Commissioner, referencing the meeting Mr. Sullivan was talking about. "The topic was constructing improvements to NH Route 101, essentially the segment between NH 101 Wallace Road intersection and the NH 101 Nashua Road intersection as proposed in the July 2002 Bedford Route 101 Corridor Study." He is saying it is in the Corridor Study.

Mr. Morgan requested that we move discussion on Articles III through IX and accept as written. Motion seconded.

Mr. Brock said one of the purposes of the session this evening is to ensure that there is a good and clear understanding of all of you who will be asked to vote on March 8 on what the issues are and give you an opportunity to ask questions and have them explained. He is a little bit reluctant to see the articles moved and accepted as a bunch because there might be some people who have legitimate questions.

Jerry Leinsing, Holbrook Road, agrees with Mr. Brock. He doesn't like anyone telling him that we've got 17 articles and just take them the way they are and cut this night short. He really wants to hear them.

John Heneage, County Road, agrees with the last 2 speakers. He thinks we can go through these fairly quickly, but he thinks it sets a dangerous precedent when you start jumping over these. He suggests we don't approve the motion.

Mr. Grimes asked if we could hold the discussion on each one to a minimum so we are not spending an hour per article.

Moderator Bullock said if the motion on the floor fails you can make your motion. Mr. Morgan withdrew his motion based on the opinion of the body.

Mr. Grimes made a motion to keep the discussion per article down to 3 or 4 people. Moderator Bullock said he won't entertain that. Everyone has a right to be heard if they have a different opinion. Mr. Grimes suggested a number of minutes. Moderator Bullock thinks everyone is aware of how much time we have spent so far, and everyone is cognizant of the situation, so let's see what we can do.

Mimi Dumouchel, Rosewell Road, moved to call the question. Moderator Bullock said there is no question. You can make a motion to terminate discussion. Mrs. Dumouchel made that motion; motion seconded; vote on motion passed.

ARTICLE IV. *[Negotiated salary increase for the teaching staff.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Three Dollars (\$475,673) to fund those additional cost items related to the first year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Association for the 2005/2006 school year which resulted from negotiations with the teachers and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2004/2005 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

Mr. Brock said his comments apply to Article IV, VI and VIII. We negotiated 2 new contracts this year, one with the teachers and one with the custodial staff, and we extended an existing contract with support staff. Our goals and motivations was to keep Bedford competitive. We have a goal to pay competitive salaries and reward our employees with competitive benefits. We have no desire to be the highest, we also don't want to be the lowest. They believe the contracts accomplished their goals.

ARTICLE V. *[Conditional article for teaching staff salaries.] Shall the school district, if Article IV is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article IV cost items only? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

Mr. Brock said Article V essentially repeats in Articles V, VII, and IX. Should the article dealing with the contract fail, this gives us the right to renegotiate and then call an additional meeting and ask the voters to revote on the renegotiated contract.

ARTICLE VI. *[Negotiated salary increase for the custodial/maintenance staff.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Twenty Five Dollars (\$35,025) to fund those additional cost items related to the first year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Support Staff Association for the 2005/2006 school year which resulted from negotiations with the custodial and maintenance staff and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2004/2005 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? (The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

No discussion.

ARTICLE VII. *[Conditional article for the custodial/maintenance staff salaries.] Shall the school district, if Article VI is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article VI cost items only? (The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

No discussion.

ARTICLE VIII. *[Negotiated salary increase for the secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Dollars (\$99,840) to fund those additional cost items related to the second year of a two-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Personnel Association for the 2005/2006 school year which resulted from negotiations with the secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2004/2005 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? (The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

No discussion.

ARTICLE IX. *[Conditional article for secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff salaries.] Shall the school district, if Article VIII is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article VIII cost items only? (The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

No discussion.

ARTICLE X. *[Operating budget.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by Special Warrant Articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Forty One Million Ninety Two Thousand, Two Hundred Ninety Nine Dollars (\$41,092,299)? (Should this*

article be defeated, the operating budget shall be Forty Million Six Hundred Two Thousand Six Hundred Forty Eight Dollars (\$40,602,648) which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the school district or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.) Note: This Warrant Article (operating budget) does not include appropriations provided for in ANY other warrant article. (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)

Mr. Brock said the operating budget this year has undergone a pretty fair amount of precise surgery. The net result is an operating budget that represents a 1.24% increase over last year. We are keeping the budget to a 1.24% increase in spite of the fact that we had a little over 3% increase in student population.

Mr. Martore said last year was \$35 million, this year you are asking for \$41 million. That's \$6 million more. That's more than 1.24%.

Mr. Brock said make sure you are in the right column. Mr. Martore said he is looking at the expended column. Mr. Brock said on that sheet there are 3 years presented. There is a budget for 2003/2004, expended for 2003/2004, a budget 2004/2005, and the proposed budget for 2005/2006. The 1.24% increase represents the increase of the proposed budget for 2005/2006 over the current budget for 2004/2005. That's 1.24 %.

Asst. Supt. Tim Mayes said the operating budget for next year is \$41,092,299 is being compared to our operating budget for this year which is \$40,587,937. That's an increase of \$504,362 which is a 1.24% increase.

Mr. Grimes thinks this gentleman was talking about the \$35,050,255. He was wondering why there was a \$5 million/\$6 million increase. Isn't that capital costs? Mr. Mayes said the major increase going from 2003/2004 to 2004/2005 is primarily the \$4.4 million capital payment to Manchester.

Moderator Bullock read through the proposed budget for 2005/2006.

Under School Board & District Officers, Ken Hawkins, 1 Barrington Drive asked services and supplies goes from \$132,000 to \$321,500. Mr. Mayes said that is the \$200,000 for the road planning.

Total Operating Budget \$43,034,857

Mr. Garceau said 43 over 40 is roughly a 10% increase including everything that is in the warrant articles. Is that correct? That also includes \$4.4 million that we're going to ship over to Manchester. Realistically the budget went down. If you take \$4 million out of 43, it's less than 40.5.

Moderator Bullock reviewed the proposed revenues and credits.

Total Revenues and Credits \$54,511,696

Total Appropriations \$43,034,857

Bob Donahue, 16 Barrington Drive, asked about adequate education grant. That is a 34.4% increase from last year. Just to avoid potential mid year cuts or deficits, wouldn't you want to be a little more conservative with that number given the Governor's recent announcement?

Mr. Brock said the number included in the budget is the number that we were advised to include from the folks in Concord who are in charge of this, the Dept. of Revenue Administration. When attempting to forecast future expenses or revenues, we historically will tend to include the number that comes from the most official authority we can include. Clearly next year's adequacy grant is open for some question. What will the number be next year? We don't know. We have seen already certain indications that the \$4,500,000 will be substantially less. That's the number we included because that represents the best guidance that we've received.

Mr. Sullivan said the last time we proposed a high school, we were scrupulously conservative, and we went to the point of zeroing out over a 4-year period all adequacy, and they sent us more money than we were getting before. There is no rhyme or reason at this time. It's one of several competing plans, and if we arbitrarily say we are going to go with a conservative number, and then we have a surplus, then we're going to have the same problem we've had over time.

ARTICLE XI. *[Acceptance of gifts.] Shall the school board be authorized to accept on behalf of the district, without further action by the voters, gifts, legacies and devises of real or personal property which may become available to the district during the fiscal year? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

Mr. Brock said this doesn't allow the School Board to accept gifts. This legalizes formal bequests, donations of equipment, donations of various forms of capital to the School District.

ARTICLE XII. *(Special Warrant Article) Shall the Bedford School District direct and authorize the School Board, in accordance with RSA194:22-194:23, to sign, not later than March 31, 2005, the proposed and published tuition agreement/contract dated November 22, 2004, with the Bedford Academy, a non-profit public academy comprising a span of grades beginning with grade 9 and ending with grade 12, as further described in the proposed and published Bedford Academy business case dated November 22, 2004, that has been established in and will serve as the high school for Bedford; and direct and authorize the School Board to raise and appropriate money to effectuate said contract; and direct that upon approval of said contract by the State Board of Education, the Bedford Academy shall be deemed the high school maintained by the School District? (By Petition) (The school board recommends a "no" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

Mr. Grimes asked if anybody on the School Board has looked at the proposed site for the Bedford Academy as far as a noise study for airport traffic? He has talked to people who work in that vicinity who say if you are standing outside or in a building it is difficult to hear yourself

talk or others talk. He has a concern about noise. He knows it can ruin your hearing. Mr. Brock said no.

Mr. Garceau said reading this literally says that the School Board would have to sign the contract that is currently on the website. Is that correct? Moderator Bullock said that would appear the way it is written. Mr. Garceau asked if the School Board could legally sign that contract? He said the contract from his perspective has so many holes in it that it's not a contract. Can a School Board sign a contract that for all intent and purposes for what the contract is supposed to do is not a contract?

Atty. Van Loan said the contract that is referred to in the warrant article is a contract that is capable of being signed by the School District. Issues about whether or not it is a good contract or a bad contract is up to the voters to decide. In terms of whether it is legal or illegal, he is not really sure what the question is. He said no matter what the School District does, if this warrant article were to pass and the School Board was directed to sign this contract, the State Board of Education would have to approve the contract and decide whether it is appropriate.

Mr. Garceau said in the event that Article II passes do they have to sign this contract? Moderator Bullock said you're assuming this Article XII also passes? Atty. Van Loan said the wonderful conundrum to which there is no answer that he knows of. There are at least 4 competing warrant articles, i.e. to build a new high school, to sign a contract with the Bedford Academy, and 2 articles to sign a 20-year contract with Manchester. They may or may not be totally inconsistent, but at least building a new high school and signing a contract with the Bedford Academy are presumable mutually exclusive. If they both pass I do not know what the answer is as to what happens.

Mr. Garceau said but the other two are not mutually exclusive. You could pass the contract, give notice and go on with the high school if all 3 pass. Is that correct? Atty. Van Loan said no because the net result of that scenario would be that the School Board would be directed to negotiate with Manchester to sign a long term contract, assuming Manchester would agree, and in the meantime the School Board would be directed to float a bond issue to build a new high school, and essentially simultaneously with signing a new contract with Manchester, give notice that it wants to get out early so that once the high school is built they can move to the new high school. Those articles are not inconsistent if they were all to pass.

Mr. Stull said he has grave doubts about the legality of the Bedford School District signing a contract with this type of school as it is presently constituted. He thinks there are serious questions as to whether this school is the type of school that under State law the School District is permitted to sign a contract. He forecasts that if the article does pass there would probably be some sort of litigation concerning the ability of the School Board to sign the contract. There are many grave uncertainties with this school, among which are the lack of a site, the lack of the experience of the people, the lack of any kind of sound numbers, and if Bedford endorsed this concept it would be asking to add to the chaos and expense we are trying to get away from.

Mr. Morgan said if he understands correctly, there is a conundrum if Article II passes and Article XII passes. Is that correct? He accepts the nod as a yes. If that is the case, and we have come to

the point in time where people would like special warrant articles, petition warrant articles to stand on their own merits without amendments, he could call on Haig Yaghoobian and the Bedford Academy team, who have presented their plan and feel their plan is the best plan. If that is the case, we need to move this issue. If the Bedford Academy passes, Article II fails, Article XV passes, they all fail, it doesn't make any difference. We need to secure the tax rate and plan long term for the educational solution of our kids. He called on the people of the Bedford Academy to make it possible to do that by adding the words to their warrant article which say "unless an opposing article passes with greater number of votes." That does not affect the intent of their article, it doesn't change the meaning of their article, all it says is if you support my plan fine, I accept it. If you don't support my plan as much as you support another plan, and that goes for the Manchester contract as well, then I rest my case, I have done my job, and I will go home. If we don't do something tonight to fix this, and we go into chaos land on March 8, he guarantees we will not move this issue. He called on the Bedford Academy to help the town heal.

Haig Yaghoobian said it may come as some comfort, the Senate today has approved SB 12, and in doing so they have established as a new version of RSA 194:22 the ability of a school district to sign a contract with a non-profit public academy. The bill is now going to the House side. He thinks 194:22 as it was did permit the School District to sign a contract with a non-profit public academy, but since ambiguities were raised, we sought to clarify the matter, and we have a bill now going through the Legislature to do just that.

Mr. Yaghoobian asked if he could move to terminate discussion at this point? Moderator Bullock said not right now.

Atty. Van Loan said since some question has been raised as to the legality of the District signing a contract for Bedford Academy, it is his opinion that the Bedford School District is entitled legally to sign a contract with the Bedford Academy. Mr. Yaghoobian has apparently obtained the assistance of some members of the Legislature to sponsor a bill to clarify what is admittedly a doubtful point on this issue, and apparently it has passed the Senate today and is on its way to the House. Atty. Van Loan said it is his belief, that irrespective of whether that bill passes or not, the School District is entitled to sign a contract with the Bedford Academy.

Mr. Hannan said the words "said contract" refer to the specific contract that's in play right now. By changing that word "said contract" to "a contract", are we not providing the School Board with sufficient room to change the verbiage that it seems we want changed? Does "said contract" presume that the School Board has negotiated with Mr. Yaghoobian the contract for the Academy, and all it needs is voter approval to sign it and ship it to Concord? He doesn't think that is the case, but it seems to be what it implies. He would like to see if changing the word "said" to "a" contract, meaning it can be reframed or rephrased to suit the needs of the School Board.

Mr. Sullivan said it has been his understanding that the contract as proposed is the domain of the Bedford Academy. It is not something that we have endorsed. He believes the public is voting on "the said contract." It has been our understanding that barring some sort of State Dept. of Education ruling that we would be directed by the Town to sign the said contract that is in play

right now. This is where the Town becomes the ultimate contract party, not the Bedford School Board.

Mr. Hannan said so the contract has been accepted by the School Board? Mr. Sullivan said no. Mr. Hannan said but you will be forced to sign it? Mr. Sullivan said if this passes, it would be envisioned that the School District will have given tacit approval to the Academy to go into business, and we would be directed as part of this article to sign that agreement as it currently exists. Mr. Hannan said if we inserted “a contract” instead of “said contract”? Mr. Sullivan doesn’t believe any amendments on any articles should take place unless they are amended by the offering party. He thinks for somebody else to do that opens us up for wide criticism.

Mr. Brock said if it were opened up to negotiate “a contract”, you don’t know what you’re voting on because the contract sets the terms and conditions that will establish a relationship between the Town of Bedford and the Academy, so there has to be something in place that you can read and say yes I like that or I don’t like that, so it can’t be “a contract”, it has to be “the contract.”

Brandi Nimmo, 43 Golden Drive, appreciates your forethought concerning Article III and the connector road, and your concern about traffic flow. What traffic studies have been done concerning Daniel Webster Highway and the proposed site for this article? A lot of action is going to be happening in that section, and we are going to ship over 1,000 students to that part of town. She is concerned about the traffic flow.

Mr. Donahue said he is a municipal bond analyst, and he protects the investments of millions of shareholders. As a citizen he is interested in protecting the taxpayers here. He has some concerns about some deficiencies that the citizens should be aware of which appear to be shifting the risk from the principals and investors in the Bedford Academy to the taxpayers. Mr. Stewart pointed to 2 of them already which were the costs that had been represented at \$8,800 per student, but that number is not in the agreement, so clearly if operating, maintenance costs increase, divided by the number of students, that cost will go up. The point on the reversion of the building is a deficiency. The third is in Article IX which has to do with capital expenditures in excess of \$750,000. At the Monday meeting, Mr. Yaghoobian implied that the Bedford School Board approval was needed, but if you read this, it is very unclear how the approval of the Bedford School Board will be required, and it is not even contemplated whether a majority of the Board of Trustees and the administrators and School Board members is required for that. He hopes the citizens and the proponents of the Bedford Academy will answer these in terms of shifting risks onto the taxpayers.

Mrs. Worden said she had the misfortune Monday of attending a misinformation forum on the Bedford Academy where about 20 of the real tough questions were not asked because the moderator prescreened them and reworded them. Most of the people in the room were not satisfied that the concerns had been addressed. Mrs. Worden said here are some of the questions that were not asked. Was the contract for a Bedford Academy that you expect the School District to sign a unilateral creation or did they agree to sign it if the voters chose your idea? Where is your accountability to the voters when your proposed contract makes the School District totally liable for the possible failure of your school which should be your responsibility? Why would you think we would want to buy your modified building when we have an incredible plan sitting

right here? What will your real cost per student be after you add the cost of a real building, additions, site improvements, special education and district wide bussing? How can you claim that your numbers are real when you do not have a valid price, real building or site to put the Bedford Academy in, and therefore your costs are just estimates? Do you have a firm commitment on any property, land or land and building either by a purchase and sale agreement, subject to the passage of your petitioned article, or by an option to buy, or by a right of first refusal? If so, can you furnish documentation? Have you submitted any proposal to the Town Planner for review and an opinion on the likelihood of approval on a change of use, and the possibility of making the renovations and additions you might want or need? If yes, can you furnish documenting proof? Mrs. Worden said the Town Planner says no. Are you aware that the piece of land south of the land and building at 8 Commerce Drive that you propose to buy has a preliminary Planning Board approval to be subdivided into 2 parcels and that this land has at least 2 acres of wetlands so much so that the Town discontinued its plan to run a connector road across it to join Commerce Drive with Harvey Road? Will the subdivision and/or the wetlands interfere with your plans to put playing fields on this land? Mrs. Worden said there are a lot of unanswered questions.

Mr. Grimes asked if this forum is a requirement of the State talking about the articles? Moderator Bullock said it is part of SB 2, which is what the School District operates under. Mr. Grimes said if we are being asked to vote on a Bedford Academy, and we are expected to sign a contract and send our kids there, is there any State law that requires somebody proposing a private school for public use that it also has to be open to the public for open discussion? Moderator Bullock said to the best of his knowledge a petitioned article, the proponent thereof is not required to present anything for discussion. Mr. Grimes said so the public really cannot ask any questions openly like we are asking now? Moderator Bullock said it would be up to the determination of the proponents and the petitioners.

Atty. Van Loan said if the question is in the event if the School District voted to sign a contract with the Bedford Academy, which is a private institution providing a public high school, would that institution be required to hold a School District Meeting of this nature, the answer is by law no. However, that could be provided for in a contract.

Scott Reed, Barnside Drive, concerning the State Board of Education and this contract should it be approved, how quickly do they have to, by law, make a decision on the validity of this contract? Atty. Van Loan does not believe there is any statutory time limit. It is simply a requirement that the State Board has to make such an approval.

Mr. Reed asked if we approve this, and it goes to the State Board of Education, and they decide this is not a valid contract, where are we then? Are we back here starting all over or do we sit there and go back to the Academy and try to negotiate a contract? Atty. Van Loan doesn't think that is a legal question. It is basically a political question. If the Article passes, the School Board is directed to sign the contract, they sign the contract, and the State Board does not approve the contract. At that point it is a political decision up to the Board as to what they do next, do they negotiate a new contract, do they wait until next year's School District Meeting, do they try to negotiate something with Manchester in the interim, those are essentially discretionary matters for the School Board.

Mr. Yaghoobian said the contract we are talking about has been negotiated with representatives of the School Board and administration over a series of meetings that took place up through November. He did not really expect this meeting would be a marketing meeting. There has been a lot of promotion going on about the merits of the 7-12 school plan or the demerits of our plan. That's not his understanding of what this was really intended to be about. He asked if it is permissible to move to terminate the discussion? Moderator Bullock accepted the motion. Motion seconded.

Vote on motion failed.

Larry Ierardi, 79 Pasture Lane, was one of the team that negotiated with a team from the School Board and administration. Much of the language that they presented is included in the 20 items in the contract, save one. Under Article IX, Mr. Sullivan had recommended that we increase to cap to \$1 million instead of \$750,000. We decided to keep the \$750,000 for the benefit of the Town. This is a model of the Pinkerton contract that has been used for approximately 50 to 100 years. It has the capacity to be modified. There is a clause in here that can be changed. Somebody is misrepresenting Article XIII. Article XIII says in the event of failure by the Academy, the Town has first choice of accepting the school as an in place, fully equipped, fully staffed facility. If they reject it, then it goes on the market. They have an in place school ready for them if they wish.

Mr. Sullivan said Mr. Ierardi is absolutely beyond reproach. Mr. Yaghoobian said that we, the School Board, asked them to meet about the contract because it was he and one other person on the Board that felt that if the Bedford Academy put only what they had on the table with no input whatsoever from us, that we would be accused of sandbagging them at the last minute by the contract becoming in question, so we sat down and had several meetings. At those meetings we provided input as to what we felt would enhance their contract. At no time did we say that the end result was going to be something that we approved, that we had control over, or anything of the like. We recommended, and they put in their contract, many of the issues that we raised. If that had gone back to us for review and approval, I can say it would be 4-1 because at one time I liked what they were proposing. To call this a negotiated contract, I think is a stretch beyond a stretch. Negotiated implies past tense. We negotiated providing input, but there was no end product from our perspective. This is their contract for them to propose and the town to either accept or reject.

Steve Beals, 30 Federation Road, in regards to Section XIII which is the term and termination clause in the agreement, it reads "The initial term of this agreement shall be for a period of 20 years commencing March 2005. On June 30, 2012 and every 5 years henceforth, the term of this agreement will be extended by 5 years unless either party notifies the other in writing prior to March 30 of that year of their intent not to extend the term by an additional 5 years." This is what the taxpayers desperately need to know. Part C "On June 30, 2012 and every 5 years henceforth, the district shall have the option to terminate this agreement. Exercise of this option will require 1) prior approval by the voters of the district; 2) provision of the notice of the Trustees of the Academy; 3) provision of evidence to the Trustees of the Academy of the district's commitment, ability and availability of existing funds upon termination of the

agreement: a) to immediately retire all outstanding notes and indebtedness of the Academy; b) to successfully and immediately assume all operational, financial, academic, regulatory, statutory, employment and all other commitments, obligations and responsibilities of the Academy.” The voters need to know that, and they need to think about that before they vote for the Academy contract in its current form in which the voters would be directing the School Board to sign it without any out.

Ed Bureau, Neighborhood Court, said it is important that the body understand that when Mr. Yaghoobian uses the word model referring to the Pinkerton Academy contract, that he uses that term loosely. Specifically with respect to voluntary provisions by the Academy to allow themselves to be bound by many of the educational laws of the State of NH, which the Bedford Academy proudly advertises they will not be following.

Mr. Morgan said he guesses the Bedford Academy people have no intention of moving this community and making their own amendment. The language of Article XIII is written for a reason. If you call GMS Capital, and Bill Greiner has called them, and what they said was the reason that the provision of Article XIII is in there is because the School District or the taxpayers have to guarantee the money. Otherwise Mr. Yaghoobian will not get a loan if the money is not guaranteed by the School District upon failure of the school, or guaranteed by somebody. It certainly isn't going to be guaranteed by him. If you call Arthur Sullivan at Brady-Sullivan, you will find that Mr. Yaghoobian has met with Arthur Sullivan once. If you call the State of NH, the name Bedford Academy is not a registered business, unless they've done that in the last 2 weeks. No school, no building, no teachers, no plan, no money, yet we're being asked to vote on it. No right to have public comment, public questions, input from the very people who have to vote to approve it. Now an obvious decision that they do not care about us, the taxpayers and us the voters, because they would like to see the conundrum happen. The deliberative session is not a marketing session. It is people's rights to speak, to be heard. It's what America is all about. It's what the First Amendment is all about. Therefore he urges the public of Bedford to soundly vote no on Article XII.

Mr. Ierardi said Bedford Academy is a 503 C-1 non-profit corporation that was established on December 23, 2004. We are an organization. We do not have investors, we do not share stocks, sell stock, we do not draw salary, and we do not have any lifetime positions on the board.

Bill Gannon, 11 French Drive, a Trustee of the newly incorporated Bedford Academy. His primary concern is that the voters will have a choice, and the worst thing he could envision happening tonight would be any action that would prevent the voters from having a choice. If the Bedford Academy is as incompetent as some have said and think, if we are as dishonorable as some have thought or said, then the voter is very capable to vote otherwise. He is here to assure you that we are all earnest, honorable people. We have worked as hard on our concept and our idea as those have worked on other approaches and concepts. If this is to be a democratic experience, then the voters should have choice. Choice is where control exists.

David Grimes, 41 Oak Drive, one of the issues they brought up is this contract is modeled on Pinkerton. Pinkerton Academy started in 1814 so there is a 200-year history there of which there is no history with the Bedford Academy founders. When you look at the article, it doesn't even

mention that it is a 20-year contract. Even the people who wrote Article XIII or Article XIV say let's enter into a 20-year contract with Manchester. There's nothing that tells the voters that they are voting on a 20-year contract. He thinks the main thing people need to understand is there is no track record with any of these people. They have never run a school, and to give them a 20-year contract is essentially giving them a credit card.

Mr. Stull moved to terminate discussion; motion seconded and passed.

Mr. Yaghoobian made a motion to bar reconsideration. Motion seconded and passed.

ARTICLE XIII. *Shall the voters of the Bedford School District rescind any and all previous authorizations given by the voters to spend any funds, including District Trust Funds, for school facility long range planning purposes without specific voter approval? This rescindment shall not apply to per item facility long range planning expenditures of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) or less per year. (By Petition) (The school board recommends a "no" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

Mr. Sullivan is not in favor of any amendment to this article. He hopes the people would not want to micromanage the School Board until you can get this thing removed. If you are going to hold us to what somebody determines is planning rather than enacting or doing what's in the best interest of a \$40+ million budget, then you should come up with a recall petition, get rid of us and start all over. Everything that we do has to be done in public, and to put a \$20,000 cap on something that might be needed, he thinks is going to push micromanagement into oblivion. He suggests we leave it alone.

ARTICLE XIV. *(Special Warrant Article) Shall the Bedford School Board be directed to ask the Manchester Board of School Committee (Manchester School District) to allow the Bedford School District to join the twenty year High School Maintenance Agreement, as presently signed by the School Districts of Manchester, Hooksett, Auburn and Candia, and if such permission is granted by the Manchester School District, then the Bedford School District authorizes and directs the Bedford School Board to approve and execute, on behalf of the District, the twenty year High School Maintenance Agreement with the Manchester School District, and to submit it to the New Hampshire State Board of Education for approval pursuant to RSA 194:22, and furthermore, prior to opting out of said High School Maintenance Agreement in this twenty year period, regardless of any contractual provisions permitting the School Board to so do, that the District shall require that the Bedford School Board obtain the consent of the voters, by a majority binding referendum vote, at the then next regularly scheduled School District Annual Meeting and to take any other and further actions necessary to give effect to this article? (By Petition) (The school board recommends a "no" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

Mr. Brock said this article is not actionable. If it passes, we can do nothing, if it fails we can do nothing. There is no 20-year agreement available to the Bedford School District. The contract must be offered and accepted. The offer was withdrawn as of June 2, 2004.

Mr. Sullivan said it is very telling that you read this and it says “ask”. Then it refers to contract language that is non-existent. Having spent time asking for negotiations with Manchester and having past supported the Manchester contract that was 20 years, he is very well aware what contract negotiations with Manchester entail. The community has voted twice to reject that contract. This is blatantly pie in the sky. If you think we’re going to vote for Article XIV and then go to Manchester and ask that they reopen the contract and give us the open door to the 20-year agreement, it isn’t happening because there are multiple parties to the agreement.

Sean Sager, 8 Powder Hill, said it might be a representation of a starting point for the next article. What type of escape clauses do we have in that current contract? Generally when you sign a contract there are some financial penalties to early termination. Is there anything in that Manchester contract that would cost me money?

Mr. Brock asked are you referring to the 20-year agreement? Mr. Sager said yes. Mr. Brock said it’s irrelevant. That contract is not available to us. We specifically asked Manchester will you offer us participation in that agreement, and the answer was no, go have your vote in March and we’ll talk after that happens. To your point, it was a 20-year agreement with essentially exits every 5 year point with specific commitments to capital. The minimum commitment to capital in the 20-year agreement was \$10.6 million with another roughly \$7 million over the remaining 10 years of the agreement. There were certain penalties imposed if we left early. There were certain requirements about the number of our students that we needed to continue to send under the contract.

Mr. Sager said if we were to pass Article II and Article XIV, that in itself wouldn’t necessarily be a conundrum because Article XIV is a moot point. Mr. Brock said Article XIV is a moot point.

Mr. Sullivan said one point of clarification, the 20-year contract called for a \$10.6 million payment on capital over a 10-year period. If we entered into that 20-year agreement that was our commitment. The penalty was if you left in year 6, as an example, you would have to pay years 7, 8, 9 and 10 for the remaining capital at those points in time. When we rejected the contract we were offered a contract with no place to go. That contract called for \$10.6 million to be paid in 3 years. He suggested if you do not have an option, and you go back to Manchester with your hat in your hand, we have no leverage that the price goes up. The answer is you can expect a penalty. You’re not going to jump in with Hooksett and those other towns who have been in the agreement for 2 years and say we want the same deal.

Steven Blatt, Blanford Place, asked about the wording on this article. It talks about the Bedford School Board to “approve and execute on behalf of the District”. Is that implying that there is no vote by the School District population on that contract? Moderator Bullock said yes, you are the District. Mrs. Chagnon said it seems to imply that if you sign this, you are authorizing us to sign a contract that we negotiate without coming back to the District.

Dennis Grimes asked for a clarification about this contract. In that contract it called for us to pay capital costs \$10.6 million. That is already in the process of being paid, so is it not part of the

contract any more. The contract expired December 31, 2004, did it not? So in a sense the contract is just a piece of paper that has expired and has no validity to it.

Mr. Sullivan said correct. Our student termination as far as the contract goes is June 2006. Our final \$4.4 million of capital is in the budget this year. After that our encumbrment to Manchester is over, but you then have to negotiate a new agreement. If we are moving forward in one direction or another to build a school, then they have an interest in having us do a transition because for every student that goes there, they are receiving a significant payment. If we don't have any back up, they don't really have to worry about that. Mr. Grimes said so the contract is worthless, it's worth nothing.

ARTICLE XV. *(Special Warrant Article) Shall the Bedford School District authorize and direct the Bedford School Board to request to negotiate, in good faith, with the Manchester Board of School Committee (Manchester School District) a contract equivalent to the twenty year High School Maintenance Agreement, as presently signed by the School Districts of Manchester, Hooksett, Auburn and Candia or in lieu of negotiating a new contract, to negotiate provisions, revisions and/or appropriate contract extensions, as necessary, to allow the Bedford School District to join the existing twenty year High School Maintenance Agreement, and provided the Manchester Board of School Committee agrees to negotiate in good faith, and provided that said negotiations are completed within 270 calendar days from the passage of this Article, then the Bedford School District authorizes and directs the Bedford School Board to approve and execute, on behalf of the District, either the equivalent Agreement or the as revised twenty year High School Maintenance Agreement with the Manchester School District, and to submit it to the New Hampshire State Board of Education for approval pursuant to RSA194:22, and furthermore prior to opting out of said Agreement in this twenty year period, regardless of any contractual provisions permitting the Bedford School Board to so do, that the District shall require that the Bedford School Board obtain the consent of the District voters, by a majority binding referendum vote, at the then next regularly scheduled School District Annual Meeting, and to take any other and further actions necessary to give effect to this article? (By Petition) (The school board recommends a "no" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

Mr. Garceau said if II and XV and XVI pass, are we held up initiating any work on Article II until 270 days have passed? Atty. Van Loan said no.

Mr. Garceau said his recollection when we were in discussion relative to the original vote on the 20-year contract, the information that was passed out was that if we stayed on for the first 10 years or less after the first 5 years, we were due to pay the scheduled capital payment to Manchester, which was \$12 million. So you are automatically looking at another \$1.4. Moderator said a bunch of School Board members are saying you're wrong.

Mr. Morgan said we would agree in principal that there's nothing to negotiate if the only article that passes is Article XV. You're going to go to Manchester, and Manchester is going to say welcome back Bedford, X number of dollars, sign or go away. Do you have to sign that based on the passage of this Article if they said here's your magic number? If that happened, do you have to sign whatever number they give you?

Atty. Van Loan said no.

Mr. Morgan asked if Article II and Article XV pass, does it cause any issues with bonding authority because of the fact you need voter approval to unbind this? If II and XV pass, can the School District say we are going with II and move forward? If II and XV both pass, but not XVI, can the School Board move forward on the building of the high school?

Atty. Van Loan said he would be very skeptical that they could do it because Article XV, if it is taken only by itself without XVI, requires a subsequent vote to get out of the Manchester contract. So in the meantime, even if Article II to build a new high school had passed, you could technically go forward with building a new high school, but nobody would loan you the money to do it because of the possibility that once you sold the bonds, you wouldn't be able to opt out of the Manchester contract without a subsequent vote in March 2006, and there's no guarantee that you would get that vote. You could get to March 2006, and if the voters said no you cannot opt out, you'd have floated this bond issue for a high school and yet you're still tied to the Manchester contract.

Mr. Morgan said if that's the case, then I would call on the reasonableness of the petitioners of this article to offer an amendment that would not change the intent or meaning of the article and would allow the voters to be the requirement to get out of the contract by simply adding the words at the end of this article "unless Article II passes". If that wording works and the petitioners of this article would be willing to do that and not put the town in a conundrum, I can only guess they will get more votes. And they would show that the true intent of the article is in fact to go and negotiate with Manchester and not potentially burden the taxpayers of Bedford.

Mr. Reed asked what happens if Article XV passes, and we go through 270 days of negotiation, and we don't come to an agreement with Manchester? Atty. Van Loan asked are you assuming that Article II passes or does it make any difference in your question? Mr. Reed said no, this one just passes by itself, and we're going back to Manchester and negotiate, and we get to 270 days, we're on opposite ends of the spectrum, we can't come to an agreement, what happens on day 271?

Atty. Van Loan said there's nothing that would prevent the School Board from continuing without the compulsion of this article with its negotiations with Manchester to try to resurrect the 20-year agreement, an amendment to the agreement, or some new agreement. It's as if at day 271 no warrant article had ever passed, and the School Board would be in the same position that it is today, and that is when the 3-year agreement expires, something has to happen. So right now let's assume Article II doesn't pass, Article XV doesn't pass, the Bedford Academy doesn't pass, nothing passes. The School Board has an obligation to try to find someplace to educate the students of Bedford when the 3-year agreement with Manchester expires next year. So they can commence negotiations without any warrant article authorizing them to do that. The only difference is Article XV compels them to commence negotiations at this point in a specific way.

Mr. Reed said if he understands the wording right, they have to finish negotiations in 270 days, so on day 270 if we are on opposite ends of the spectrum, this warrant article compels them to sign some contract. Atty. Van Loan said no, the warrant article does not compel the School

Board to sign an agreement. It compels them to negotiate an agreement. It still has to be an acceptable agreement. It doesn't mean that Manchester can just plunk down anything they want and the School Board has to sign it. It compels the School Board to negotiate in good faith and agreement, but it doesn't mean they have to give Manchester a blank check.

Mr. Sullivan said if you literally read this article, it is an impediment to moving forward. That is the design. The stipulations in the article refer to 20-year contracts. It's negotiating in a vacuum. This is telling us to go and get a 20-year agreement with Manchester and bring it back to you. As soon as this goes forward, you have stopped any funding for a public high school until that 270 days is over. Article XIV and XV are absolutely anti high school warrant articles.

Mrs. Worden asked if Article XV passed, it would seem the School Board would have the right to negotiate a contract which might not necessarily tie all of our students to Manchester but would simply allow that as an option for 20 years. One could say that regardless of the artificial boundaries shown on these plans, upwards of 50% and possibly even 2/3 of this building belongs to a middle school, which has nothing to do with the Manchester contract. So why would we not be able to get bonded to start the site work and begin building our middle school, and then if necessary, also vote to add the portion of it that is the high school?

Dennis Grimes said his feeling is the proponents of this article want the people of Bedford to think that they're still going to be paying \$6,400 per student for tuition. He thinks they are trying to mislead people by saying that's what's going to be in the contract, and that's what we are going to be paying. That is not the fact. Mr. Brock said the bottom line is we don't know what we will be paying.

Mr. Reed said there's a lot of subjectivity in this, and he likes the word in here "contract equivalent". All it has to be is one item that is equivalent, and everything else can be different, and we could be stuck. There are a lot of unknowns on this. He cautioned everyone to be very careful if they're going to do this.

Mr. Reed said this article is very confusing, and he doesn't think we're explaining it very well tonight. When we talk about what we are authorizing per what is written here, he feels it is leading us to a potential quagmire. What he believes, if this passes, we are directing the School Board to do is in good faith negotiate a contract equivalent to the existing contract, which we said is a moot point previously. He feels this might open us up to some legal battles. This doesn't authorize you to sign a contract that increases my cost. It authorizes you to agree to a contract that is similar and equivalent to what we have currently.

Mr. Stewart said no matter what happens on Article II or XII, won't the School Board have to negotiate a 2-5 year contract with Manchester in any case? If that's the case, why is Article XV even needed?

Atty. Van Loan said he wanted to respond to the proposition Mrs. Worden floated here, and that was the question of whether or not if Articles II and XV passed, but not XVI, so you still had to have a separate vote in the event that the District entered into a 20-year or some odd year long term contract with Manchester, a separate vote to opt out of it, whether or not you would be able

to float bonds in the interim to build the middle school portion of the middle school/high school complex. I don't know the answer to it. I am highly skeptical that bond counsel would approve it because of the way Article II is written which is to build a high school/middle school complex, although it does say that you are issuing bonds, which could be plural, so arguably you could issue a bond for a portion of it before you got to next year's School District Meeting to determine whether the District would opt out of the Manchester contract, so there is a theoretical possibility, but I am extremely skeptical that bond counsel will approve that.

Mr. Garceau asked how does XV affect this if XVI is passed? Atty. Van Loan said if Articles II, XV and XVI all were to pass, you could move forward on the new high school without worrying about what happens on the Manchester contract because you have in effect, by virtue of Article XVI, authorized in advance the opt out of any contract that you might negotiate with Manchester in the interim, so you could move forward immediately with Article II. Mr. Garceau said you don't think there would be any problem with bond counsel on that? You're saying no, but another question Mrs. Worden asked you're saying, well you know. You're saying that XVI eliminates that question in your mind about whether we could get going forward. Atty. Van Loan said that is my opinion.

Mr. Garceau said we negotiate a contract, and it's got a huge cost factor in it, does it have to come back for approval? Mr. Sullivan said XVI is the panacea. What if XVI doesn't pass? He is trying to explain that XV should not pass. We have spent 3 hours and 10 minutes going over not even 15 articles. He dreads the situation when somebody goes into the booth and tries to read Article XV and by the time they get to XVI they may be so fed up that it's no, no, no. He would like to people say it stands on its own. XV should not be supported if they want to envision building a high school next year.

Mr. Garceau said the point still exists that there is a possibility that it could happen. I still haven't got an answer to my question.

Mr. Heneage said this is one reason we wanted the Town to move over to SB 2. A lot of good questions are being asked tonight, a lot of pros and cons. The good thing about this is we'll have 4 weeks to sort it out before we vote. The beauty of this process is questions get raised tonight, and we've got 4 weeks to sort it out. He said Manchester issued a statement indicating that they would be willing to negotiate a similar agreement. This School Board will have to negotiate with Manchester regardless of the outcome for some sort of contract, so this provides a good framework to move forward. The 270 days was put in at the request of the School Board during some negotiations, and a few of the other clauses in there were added because it was a suggestion that made sense to do. The reality is you'll have to do something because the current contract is expiring within the next 12 months. He thinks the article stands on its own, makes sense, it's not confusing. It is somewhat written in a rambling style but that's the way these articles are written. He urged folks to support it.

Mr. Stull moved to terminate debate on this question.

Mr. Brock said he wanted to correct a statement that was just made. A statement was just made that we received an indication from Manchester that Manchester was willing to negotiate an additional long term agreement with us. That is not true.

Motion to terminate discussion seconded. Vote on motion passed.

ARTICLE XVI. *Shall the School District, if Article II is approved, consider the approval of Article II as meeting the requirement of Article XIV and XV with respect to approval by the District to give notice of termination of the 20 Year Tuition Agreement with the City of Manchester if Article XIV and/or Article XV is approved? (By Petition) (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

Beverly Barry, Liberty Hill Road, has a general question that would apply to all the articles. It says either majority or 3/5 required. Is that of the registered voters or is that of those who show up to vote. Moderator Bullock said of those who show up to vote. Mr. Brock said more specifically it is those who vote on that article.

ARTICLE XVII. *(Special Warrant Article) Shall the School District, upon the enactment of Legislative Services Request 347 of the 2005 Session of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire, do the following:*

- (A) Authorize the School Board, on behalf of the School District, to raise the sum of Ten Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$10,600,000) for the purpose of:*
 - (1) funding the payment of Four Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,400,000) to the City of Manchester, the final capital portion of the payments provided for in the July 1, 2003 Agreement with the City of Manchester;*
 - (2) funding payments, not more than Six Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$6,200,000) on the portion of the bonds or notes associated with the 9-12 High School that will be issued if Article II, the 7-8 Middle School and 9-12 High School Complex, is approved;*
 - (3) funding, if funds are available after the payments in (2) are made, the payment of start up costs associated with the 9-12 High School portion of the 7-8 Middle School and the 9-12 High School Complex; and*
- (B) In order to finance the payments, authorize the issuance of bonds or notes for the sum of Ten Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$10,600,000) for such purpose in accordance with the provisions of Legislative Services Request 347 of the 2005 Session of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33, except as provided for in Legislative Services Request 347) and authorize the School Board to negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rates of interest thereon and the maturities, not less than 10 or more than 30 years, and other terms thereof, and to raise*

and appropriate by general taxation the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) for the first year's interest payment on the bonds or notes issued thereby?

(Approval of this Article will reduce the amount of revenues that will be raised by general taxation for years 2005 thru 2009. The reduction in general taxes will be amortized over the term of the bonds or notes issued hereby.) (By Petition) (The school board recommends a "no" vote upon this question.) (3/5ths ballot vote required.)

Phil Bruno, Beech Street, if 10 people go to vote, but only 3 people vote on Article XII and 2 of those 3 vote yes, it passes? Mr. Brock said that's correct. It's the majority or the super majority as determined by how many people voted on that particular article. Mr. Bruno said so not voting on an article is not equivalent to voting no. Mr. Brock said correct.

Mr. Garceau proposed an amendment to Article XVII.

Shall the School District, under Chapter 27 – Senate Bill 336 of the 2004 Session of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire, as may be amended by Senate Bill 68 of the 2005 Session of the Senate and House of Representatives, do the following:

(A) Authorize the School Board, on behalf of the School District, to raise the sum of Ten Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$10,600,000) for the purpose of:

- (1) (a) funding the payment of Four Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,400,000) to the City of Manchester, the final capital portion of the payments provided for in the July 1, 2003 Agreement with the City of Manchester and (b) reducing ARTICLE X, the operating budget, by Four Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,400,000).*
- (2) funding payments for other costs, not more than \$10,600,000 less the payment to Manchester in (1), of the proportional cost of the 9-12 High School portion of the 7-8 Middle School and 9-12 High School Complex, if SB 68 is enacted. The 9-12 High School proportional cost is equal to the total costs for the development of the high school on a stand-alone basis. The stand-alone cost for the high school is \$35,276,000, the sum of (i) the building cost of \$31,868,000, (ii) \$2,700,000 for the construction of off site utilities, (iii) \$645,000 for the construction of fields, and (iv) \$63,000 for the construction of additional tennis courts.*

Other costs are defined as the either/and/or (i) the cost to construct an access road to the Complex from the northeast corner of the District owned property to Wallace Road along the existing County Road right of way owned by the Town, (ii) interest due on the bond approved under ARTICLE II, (iii) start-up cost for the high school.

(B) In order to finance such payments, authorize the issuance of bonds or notes for the sum of Ten Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$10,600,000) for such purpose in accordance with the provisions of Senate Bill 336 of the 2004 Session of the Senate and

House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire, as amended by SB 68, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33, except as provided for in Senate Bill 336 amended) and authorize the School Board to negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rates of interest thereon and the maturities, not less than 10 or more than 30 years, and other terms thereof, and to raise and appropriate by general taxation the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) for the first year's interest payment on the bonds or notes issued thereby?

(Approval of this Article will reduce the amount of revenues that will be raised by general taxation for years 2005 and possibly thru 2009. The reduction in general taxes will be amortized over the term of the bonds or notes issued hereby.)

Mr. Garceau said now that you have changed the road cost, do I need to have that changed? Moderator Bullock asked what road cost? Mr. Garceau said this is SB 336, which I tried to get before the voters last year which would have substantially decreased the tax rate that we paid last year for the \$6.2 million for the first 2 installments due Manchester. As soon as that \$6.2 million was levied in the taxes, it was no longer bondable, and we still would have the availability of the \$4.4 but the \$6.2 is gone. The bill, 336, is tied in specifically to the development cost of the high school.

Mr. Garceau said when I define what the pro-rated portion was I used a number that is different than what was evidenced tonight by \$600,000. This is an article that is for everybody. SB 68 amends SB 336 such that we now have the ability to bond \$10.6 million, and it was passed by the Senate this morning and will be sent on to the House. The purpose of the warrant article is to offer the voters an opportunity to impact their tax rate in a positive manner in 2 different ways. First, the \$4.4 million that is due Manchester for next year can be bonded, and by doing so would reduce the operating budget for the coming year and thus reduce the taxes. Last year we paid roughly \$2 for the \$6.2. This year we are going to be looking at paying \$1.50 for the \$4.4. If this article passed, regardless what happens with SB 68, we can use the ability of SB 336 to bond the \$4.4 million and effectively spread that cost out over a period of time that would reduce our tax payment this coming year, and we would be paying less than \$4.4 million in real dollars.

Mr. Garceau showed a chart which presented the effect of bonding the \$4.4 million on this year's tax rate, and for a term of 20 years at 5.5% interest rate equal annual payments. The total amount of money we would be spending over 20 years is roughly \$7.7 million. This is an opportunity to reduce this year's taxes and take advantage of the fact that we would be leveraging that payment by virtue of the increase in the valuation of the town and the cost of money as inflation moves along. This is a stand alone issue. It has nothing to do with the high school. It has to do with the existing 3-year contract that we have, and does the electorate choose to positively impact their tax rate. Passage of this article would cover that regardless of what happens to SB 68.

Mr. Stewart thinks we should commend Mr. Garceau for his efforts in trying to reduce taxes. However he suggests that this is so complicated that most voters won't know what it is all about. If it's passed, won't the \$10.6 million be added if Article II passes to the \$47.5 million, so you end up with another \$10.6 bond on top of a bond? And they have to be paid simultaneously. It wouldn't be part of it, so it has to be a separate bond, so the payment would be separate.

Correct? The \$4.4 is only \$1.50 on the rate next year, then it's over. Why would we want to go to all this problem and pay interest on Manchester's interest that is in the \$10.6. He said this article should be voted no.

Moderator Bullock said the amendment is what is before us now. Mr. Stewart would vote no on the amendment and recommend the School Board continue with it's no vote on either article.

Mr. Sullivan said you said the total cost of the bonding would be \$7.7 additional million. Mr. Garceau said no, the total cost including the \$4.4 is \$7.7. We are talking about \$4.4 million. There are 2 parts to this. Mr. Sullivan said the \$10.6 million is going to be bonded. What is the cost over the life of that bond? Mr. Garceau said it depends on what you do with the \$6.2. That is why we have to look at it in 2 parts. Mr. Sullivan said it is one bond. Mr. Sullivan said you are proposing bonding \$10.6 million, yes or no. Mr. Garceau said he is proposing authorizing the School Board to bond \$10.6 million depending upon certain conditions. Mr. Sullivan said it's a maybe. Mr. Garceau said it is a law. We can do this. Mr. Sullivan said we create a law just so we can spend more money. The \$3.3 million that it would cost to bond \$10.6 in your mind is going to be made up because it's going to be in less dollars 20 years from now? You said we're not going to add to the bond? We got Article II which calls for \$49. Whatever, and you're saying another \$10.6 is not a problem.

Mr. Garceau said what he is saying is right now we're discussing the first part. SB 336 is a law that was passed last year that is still in effect. We have the ability to raise \$4.4 million in bonds to pay the \$4.4 million that we owe Manchester next year. So we would raise it and we would reduce the operating budget by \$4.4 million. So you are raising the bond or are you going to raise it all as taxation? That's the decision the voters should have. A financial analysis of this scenario tells you that it's a financially prudent method to pay less taxes over time because the net value of those payments at a discount rate that is available is less than \$1.40 because you're taking advantage of the fact that your assessed value is going up every year so you are paying less.

Moderator Bullock said what you are asking for, you are the petitioner of the original Article XVII, is to put the new warrant article in place of what your original petition was, right? Mr. Garceau said yes.

Moderator Bullock proposed we end discussion on this, and take a vote. Mr. Garceau said we haven't discussed the second part. A motion was made to end discussion. Motion seconded and passed.

Moderator Bullock said now we need a vote letting Mr. Garceau substitute what he wants in place of what he had. A motion was made to that effect. Motion seconded. Vote on motion passed.

Mrs. Worden said whether it's the amended article or the one that was on the yellow sheet, it's redundant, it doesn't make any sense, and she would much rather Mr. Garceau would withdraw the article.

Moderator Bullock thanked Martha Gaudes for stepping in tonight.

Mr. Brock made an appeal for civility and reason between now and March 8. He asked everyone to challenge the facts, ask questions, but do it with respect. We have information disseminated throughout our neighborhoods that contain falsehoods and half truths, lies, and vile accusations. He suggested that Bedford deserves better, and he appealed that we raise the level of debate.

Mr. Sacks wanted to respond to the BCSE newspaper, The New Hampshire Guardian, that was distributed recently. He said many of the factual errors have already been addressed. He is choosing to respond to what was labeled a Letter to the Editor. This letter compared those who support education in the middle school/high school proposal to the Nazi's, and that this proposal was the final solution that would drive the letter writer out of town. He wanted to make it clear that these words are addressed not to the whole audience but only to the writer and publisher of the article and to the BCSE leadership. To the publishers of this vile publication he says how dare you defile and desecrate the sacred memories of my family members, of Vera's family members (his wife), of the family members of many in this audience and in Bedford, of the family members of innocent Jews in America and throughout the world, of the family members of other ethnic and social groups that were targeted, hunted down, and systematically murdered by the most abhorrent regime in the history of man. It is his fervent hope that no one else descends into the gutter during this political campaign.

Moderator Bullock said the School Board will have to retake their vote on Article II and Article XVII as amended in terms of whether you are recommending yes or no.

Mr. Sacks moved that we take an affirmative position on Article II; motion seconded; vote on motion passed.

Mr. Sacks moved that the School Board takes a negative position on Article XVII; motion seconded; vote on motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha P. Gaudes
Acting School District Clerk

2004 ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING ELECTION/BALLOT VOTE

Session II – March 8, 2005

Bedford School District Moderator Ryk Bullock opened the polls in the gymnasium at the McKelvie Middle School at 7:00 a.m. At 7:00 p.m., Moderator Bullock closed the polls.

At 10:15 p.m., after all ballots were tallied and accounted for, Moderator Bullock announced a total of 6,599 ballots were cast (5,759 regular votes, and 840 absentee votes) with the following results:

ARTICLE I. *(Election of Officers)*

School Board (3-year term – two positions)

- “Steve” Beals – 3047
- Robert Donohue – 2438
- “Bill” Foote – 1299
- “Dan” Sullivan – 2819

Steve Beals and Dan Sullivan were declared elected.

ARTICLE II. *[Construction of a grades 7/8 middle school/grades 9/12 high school complex, including furnishings and equipment.] (Special Warrant Article) Shall the school district raise and appropriate a total sum of Forty Nine Million Six Hundred Eighty Two Thousand Dollars (\$49,682,000) (Gross Budget) for the purposes of constructing and equipping a new grades 7 and 8 middle school and grades 9 through 12 high school complex and associated facilities to be located on land owned by the district at Nashua and County Roads, Bedford; and, in order to finance said project, shall the district authorize the issuance of bonds or notes of not more than the total amount of Forty Nine Million Six Hundred Eighty Two Thousand Dollars (\$49,682,000) for such purposes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33); and shall it authorize the school board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rates of interest thereon and the maturities and other terms thereof; furthermore, shall the district raise and appropriate by general taxation the sum of One Million One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Five Dollars (\$1,117,845) for the first year’s interest payment? (The school board recommends a “yes” vote on this question.) (3/5ths ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 4,410 votes; No – 2,060.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article II passed.

ARTICLE III. *[Funding the design of a road connecting Nashua and Wallace Roads.] (Special Warrant Article) If Article II passes, shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000), some or all of which may be reimbursed in the future by state and federal monies, to fund the design of a road between Nashua and Wallace Roads connecting to a new grades 7 and 8 middle school and grades 9 through 12 high school complex, the design to be completed in cooperation with the Town of Bedford and State of New*

Hampshire as part of the Route 101 Corridor Study? (The school board recommends a “yes” vote on this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)

- Yes – 4,233 votes; No – 2,212 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article III passed.

ARTICLE IV. *[Negotiated salary increase for the teaching staff.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Three Dollars (\$475,673) to fund those additional cost items related to the first year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Association for the 2005/2006 school year which resulted from negotiations with the teachers and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2004/2005 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? (The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 4,976 votes; No – 1,461 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article IV passed.

ARTICLE V. *[Conditional article for teaching staff salaries.] Shall the school district, if Article IV is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article IV cost items only? (The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 4,673 votes; No – 1,680 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article V passed.

ARTICLE VI. *[Negotiated salary increase for the custodial/maintenance staff.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Twenty Five Dollars (\$35,025) to fund those additional cost items related to the first year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Support Staff Association for the 2005/2006 school year which resulted from negotiations with the custodial and maintenance staff and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2004/2005 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? (The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 5,308 votes; No – 1,099 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article VI passed.

ARTICLE VII. *[Conditional article for the custodial/maintenance staff salaries.] Shall the school district, if Article VI is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article VI cost items only? (The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 4,711 votes; No – 1,504 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article VII passed.

ARTICLE VIII. *[Negotiated salary increase for the secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Dollars (\$99,840) to fund those additional cost items related to the second year of a two-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Personnel Association for the 2005/2006 school year which resulted from negotiations with the secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2004/2005 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? (The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 5,093 votes; No – 1,279 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article VIII passed.

ARTICLE IX. *[Conditional article for secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff salaries.] Shall the school district, if Article VIII is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article VIII cost items only? (The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 4,671 votes; No – 1,632 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article IX passed.

ARTICLE X. *[Operating budget.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by Special Warrant Articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Forty One Million Ninety Two Thousand, Two Hundred Ninety Nine Dollars (\$41,092,299)? [Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be Forty Million Six Hundred Two Thousand Six Hundred Forty Eight Dollars (\$40,602,648) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the school district or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.] Note: This Warrant Article (operating budget) does not include appropriations provided for in ANY other warrant article. (The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 4,807 votes; No – 1,556 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article X passed.

ARTICLE XI. *[Acceptance of gifts.] Shall the school board be authorized to accept on behalf of the district, without further action by the voters, gifts, legacies and devises of real or personal property which may become available to the district during the fiscal year? (The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 5,591 votes; No – 847 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article XI passed.

ARTICLE XII. *(Special Warrant Article) Shall the Bedford School District direct and authorize the School Board, in accordance with RSA 194:22-194:23, to sign, not later than*

March 31, 2005, the proposed and published tuition agreement/contract dated November 22, 2004, with the Bedford Academy, a non-profit public academy comprising a span of grades beginning with grade 9 and ending with grade 12, as further described in the proposed and published Bedford Academy business case dated November 22, 2004, that has been established in and will serve as the high school for Bedford; and direct and authorize the School Board to raise and appropriate money to effectuate said contract; and direct that upon approval of said contract by the State Board of Education, the Bedford Academy shall be deemed the high school maintained by the School District? (By Petition) (The school board recommends a “no” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)

- Yes – 1,127 votes; No – 5,244 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article XII did not pass.

ARTICLE XIII. *Shall the voters of the Bedford School District rescind any and all previous authorizations given by the voters to spend any funds, including District Trust Funds, for school facility long range planning purposes without specific voter approval? This rescindment shall not apply to per item facility long range planning expenditures of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) or less per year. (By Petition) (The school board recommends a “no” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 1,663 votes; No – 4,648 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared did not Article XIII pass.

ARTICLE XIV. *(Special Warrant Article) Shall the Bedford School Board be directed to ask the Manchester Board of School Committee (Manchester School District) to allow the Bedford School District to join the twenty year High School Maintenance Agreement, as presently signed by the School Districts of Manchester, Hooksett, Auburn and Candia, and if such permission is granted by the Manchester School District, then that the Bedford School District authorizes and directs the Bedford School Board to approve and execute, on behalf of the District, the twenty year High School Maintenance Agreement with the Manchester School District, and to submit it to the New Hampshire State Board of Education for approval pursuant to RSA 194:22, and furthermore, prior to opting out of said High School Maintenance Agreement in this twenty year period, regardless of any contractual provisions permitting the School Board to so do, that the District shall require that the Bedford School Board obtain the consent of the voters, by a majority binding referendum vote, at the then next regularly scheduled School District Annual Meeting and to take any other and further actions necessary to give effect to this article? (By Petition) (The school board recommends a “no” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 1,969 votes; No – 4,402 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article XIV did not pass.

ARTICLE XV. *(Special Warrant Article) Shall the Bedford School District authorize and direct the Bedford School Board to request to negotiate, in good faith, with the Manchester Board of School Committee (Manchester School District) a contract equivalent to the twenty year High School Maintenance Agreement, as presently signed by the School Districts of Manchester, Hooksett, Auburn and Candia or in lieu of negotiating a new contract, to negotiate*

provisions, revisions and/or appropriate contract extensions, as necessary, to allow the Bedford School District to join the existing twenty year High School Maintenance Agreement, and provided the Manchester Board of School Committee agrees to negotiate in good faith, and provided that said negotiations are completed within 270 calendar days from the passage of this Article, then the Bedford School District authorizes and directs the Bedford School Board to approve and execute, on behalf of the District, either the equivalent Agreement or the as revised twenty year High School Maintenance Agreement with the Manchester School District, and to submit it to the New Hampshire State Board of Education for approval pursuant to RSA 194:22; and furthermore prior to opting out of said Agreement in this twenty year period, regardless of any contractual provisions permitting the Bedford School Board to so do, that the District shall require that the Bedford School Board obtain the consent of the District voters, by a majority binding referendum vote, at the then next regularly scheduled School District Annual Meeting and to take any other and further actions necessary to give effect to this article? (By Petition) (The school board recommends a “no” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)

- Yes – 2,086 votes; No – 4,307 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article XV did not pass.

ARTICLE XVI. *Shall the School District, if Article II is approved, consider the approval of Article II as meeting the requirement of Article XIV and/or Article XV with respect to approval by the District to give notice of termination of the 20 Year Tuition Agreement with the City of Manchester if Article XIV and/or Article XV is approved? (By Petition) (The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 4,376 votes; No – 1,929 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article XVI passed.

ARTICLE XVII. *(Special Warrant Article) Shall the School District, under Chapter 27 – Senate Bill 336 of the 2004 Session of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire, as may be amended by Senate Bill 68 of the 2005 Session of the Senate and House of Representatives, do the following:*

- (A) *Authorize the School Board, on behalf of the School District, to raise the sum of Ten Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$10,600,000) for the purpose of:*
 - (1) *(a) funding the payment of Four Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,400,000) to the City of Manchester, the final capital portion of the payments provided for in the July 1, 2003 Agreement with the City of Manchester and (b) reducing ARTICLE X, the operating budget, by Four Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,400,000).*
 - (2) *funding payments for other costs, not more than \$10,600,000 less the payment to Manchester in (1), of the proportional cost of the 9-12 High School portion of the 7-8 Middle School and 9-12 High School Complex, if SB 68 is enacted. The 9-12 High School proportional cost is equal to the total costs for the development of the high school on a stand-alone basis. The stand-alone cost for the high school is \$35,276,000, the sum of (i) the building cost of \$31,868,000, (ii) \$2,700,000 for the construction of off site utilities, (iii) \$645,000 for the construction of fields, and (iv) \$63,000 for the construction of additional tennis courts.*

Other costs are defined as the either/and/or (i) the cost to construct an access road to the Complex from the northeast corner of the District owned property to Wallace Road along the existing County Road right of way owned by the Town, (ii) interest due on the bond approved under ARTICLE II, (iii) start-up cost for the high school.

- (B) *In order to finance such payments, authorize the issuance of bonds or notes for the sum of Ten Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$10,600,000) for such purpose in accordance with the provisions of Senate Bill 336 of the 2004 Session of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire, as amended by SB 68, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33, except as provided for in Senate Bill 336 amended), and authorize the School Board to negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rates of interest thereon and the maturities, not less than 10 or more than 30 years, and other terms thereof, and to raise and appropriate by general taxation the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) for the first year's interest payment on the bonds or notes issued hereby?*

(Approval of this Article will reduce the amount of revenues that will be raised by general taxation for 2005 and possibly thru 2009. The reduction in general taxes will be amortized over the term of the bonds or notes issued hereby.) (By Petition) (The school board recommends a "no" vote upon this question.) (3/5ths ballot vote required.)

- Yes – 1,218 votes; No – 5,101 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article XVII did not pass.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. VanAnglen
School District Clerk

**SCHOOL DISTRICT
ELECTION BALLOT**

AND

**2006/2007 PROPOSED BUDGET
INFORMATION**

**Bedford, New Hampshire
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION**

**Tuesday, March 14, 2006
7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

McKelvie Middle School

Ballot Questions

ARTICLE I. To elect all necessary school district officials:

- For School Board (3-year term) – Vote for not more than two (2)
 - “Cindy” Chagnon
 - Teresa “Terry” Wolf
 - _____ (Write-in)
 - _____ (Write-in)
- For School Board (2-year term) – Vote for not more than one (1)
 - Paul F. Lamarche
 - Susan “Sue” Thomas
 - _____ (Write-in)

ARTICLE II. [Funding the construction of a water main to the middle school/high school complex.] (Special Warrant Article) Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000) (Gross Budget) for the purpose of constructing a water main extension from Sunset Lane to County Road (adjacent to Peter Woodbury School) to provide a water supply sufficient for fire suppression in the middle school/high school complex; and, in order to finance said project, shall the district authorize the issuance of bonds or notes of not more than the total amount of Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000) for such purposes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33); and shall the district authorize the school board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rates of interest thereon and the maturities and other terms thereof; and, furthermore, shall the district raise and appropriate by general taxation the sum of Eighty Six Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Seven Dollars (\$86,667) for the first year’s principal and interest payments? **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (3/5ths ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE III. [Negotiated salary increase for the teaching staff.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Eleven Thousand Fifty One Dollars (\$511,051) to fund those additional cost items related to the second year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Association for the 2006/2007 school year which resulted from negotiations with the teachers and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2005/2006 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE IV. [Conditional article for teaching staff salaries.] Shall the school district, if Article III is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article III cost items only? **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE V. [Negotiated salary increase for the custodial/maintenance staff.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Twenty Five Dollars (\$35,025) to fund those additional cost items related to the second year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Support Staff Association for the 2006/2007 school year which resulted from negotiations with the custodial and maintenance staff and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2005/2006 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE VI. [Conditional article for the custodial/maintenance staff salaries.] Shall the school district, if Article V is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article V cost items only? **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE VII. [Negotiated salary increase for the secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Six Thousand Four Hundred Three Dollars (\$96,403) to fund those additional cost items related to the first year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Personnel Association for the 2006/2007 school year which resulted from negotiations with the secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2005/2006 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE VIII. [Conditional article for secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff salaries.] Shall the school district, if Article VII is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article VII cost items only? **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE IX. [Operating budget.] If Article II passes so that the construction of the water main to the new middle school/high school complex is spread over several years by bonding, shall the school district raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Forty Five Million One Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Seventy One Dollars (\$45,167,571). However, if Article II does not pass, shall the district’s aforesaid operating budget for the 2006/2007 fiscal year be increased by the amount of Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000) which is the amount required to fund the construction of the water main extension for the new middle school/high school complex all in one year, and shall the district thereby raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including other appropriations voted separately, the

amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, plus the additional \$800,000, totaling Forty Five Million Nine Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Seventy One Dollars (\$45,967,571)? [Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be Forty Three Million Eight Hundred Forty One Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Seven Dollars (\$43,841,377) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the school district or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.] **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE X. [Acceptance of gifts.] Shall the school board be authorized to accept on behalf of the district, without further action by the voters, gifts, legacies and devises of real or personal property which may become available to the district during the fiscal year? **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE XI: Shall we change the date for elections and the second session of the Annual School District Meeting from the second Tuesday in March to the second Tuesday in April, which would change the date for the first session of the Annual School District Meeting to a date between the first and second Saturdays after the last Monday in February, inclusive? **(By Petition) (The school board recommends a “no” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE XII: Shall the Bedford School District require by the start of the school year 2007, that all children beginning with grade 1 and ending with grade 8; elementary, middle and junior high wear a defined, set school uniform, that will be similar but different from each school level, with attention to style, durability and feasibility, where footwear, socks and hosiery will not be defined by said article but by school dress code, that school policy will dictate appropriate hair styles that are conducive to the image set forth by a school uniform, further that the children will themselves vote in school on the initial uniform style options set forth by a volunteer uniform committee; and that every 6 years from 2007, the design of the uniforms shall be addressed by a uniform committee, comprising of a male and female “child” representative, from each school in the district? **(By Petition) (The school board recommends a “no” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE XIII: Shall the District authorize and direct the Bedford School Board to direct the combined Upper Middle School and High School Contractor to take the necessary steps to terminate construction on the High School portion of the project, to continue with the Upper Middle School only, and to subsequently revise the design to reduce the scope and cost to allow only the Upper Middle School to be constructed at this time, to refund the unused portion of the bond passed in the March 2005 election, to take the necessary steps to continue educating Bedford’s high school students in Manchester, and to take any other and further actions necessary to give effect to this article? **(By Petition) (The school board recommends a “no” vote upon this question.) (3/5ths ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE XIV: Shall the District allow the parent(s) of Bedford students in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 to select and designate, on an annual basis, either the Bedford High School or the

Manchester School District to educate their children for that school year, provided the Manchester Board of School Committee (Manchester School District) agrees to accept these students, and the District hereby directs the Bedford School Board to take any other and further actions necessary to give effect to this article? **(By Petition) (The school board recommends a “no” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE XV: (Special Warrant Article) Shall the School District, under Chapter 27 – Senate Bill 336 of the 2004 Session of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire, do the following:

- (A) Authorize the School Board, on behalf of the School District, to raise a maximum of Ten Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$10,600,000) for the purposes defined and conditioned below:
- (1) Funding the payment of costs in Article IX of the School District 2006 Operating Budget, for payments due to the City of Manchester for costs, identified as Capital Costs or Tuition Payments, to extend the existing Contract or new Contract between the School District and the City of Manchester for the tuitioning of Bedford High School students to High Schools in Manchester.
 - (2) Funding of payments of costs identified in Warrant Articles included in subsequent years by the School Board or by Petition Warrant Article for that year. Payment of costs in these Warrant Articles will require a simple majority of votes cast at any future Annual School District Meeting. The cumulative payments in (1) above plus any future payments approved hereunder shall not exceed \$10,600,000.
- (B) In order to finance such payments, authorize the issuance of bonds or notes for the sum of Ten Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$10,600,000) for such purpose in accordance with the provisions of Senate Bill 336 of the 2004 Session of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act RSA Chapter 33, except as provided for in Senate Bill 336, and authorize the School Board to negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rates of interest thereon and the maturities, not less than 10 or more than 30 years, and other terms thereof, and to raise and appropriate by general taxation the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) for the first year’s interest payment on the bonds or notes issued hereby. **(By Petition) (The school board recommends a “no” vote upon this question.) (3/5ths ballot vote required.)**

BEDFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

	BUDGET 2004-05	EXPENDED 2004-05	BUDGET 2005-06	PROPOSED BGT. 2006-07
PETER WOODBURY SCHOOL				
Salaries	\$2,367,587	\$2,369,480	\$2,475,754	\$2,543,831
Supplies & Texts	112,626	105,923	137,335	136,210
Furniture & Equipment	24,073	25,990	30,414	31,320
Utilities	71,243	68,092	81,844	98,398
Other	23,828	19,766	22,888	28,714
TOTAL	\$2,599,357	\$2,589,251	\$2,748,235	\$2,838,473
MEMORIAL SCHOOL				
Salaries	\$1,983,769	\$1,893,329	\$2,093,773	\$2,195,418
Supplies & Texts	102,313	96,479	111,312	117,578
Furniture & Equipment	26,446	28,316	33,040	37,724
Utilities	57,478	61,779	74,265	111,889
Other	19,648	16,609	22,436	25,422
TOTAL	\$2,189,654	\$2,096,512	\$2,334,826	\$2,488,031
RIDDLE BROOK SCHOOL				
Salaries	\$2,286,144	\$2,204,243	\$2,390,366	\$2,530,001
Supplies & Texts	134,763	130,493	158,570	151,671
Furniture & Equipment	22,623	24,871	35,345	44,063
Utilities	132,038	114,411	163,104	212,813
Other	24,750	23,057	24,864	30,251
TOTAL	\$2,600,318	\$2,497,075	\$2,772,249	\$2,968,799
McKELVIE MIDDLE SCHOOL				
Salaries	\$3,911,126	\$3,855,750	\$4,033,328	\$4,152,524
Supplies & Texts	104,161	101,447	108,873	124,400
Furniture & Equipment	43,171	45,684	46,290	64,232
Utilities	118,807	116,168	140,384	199,217
Other	44,434	40,698	53,044	47,991
TOTAL	\$4,221,699	\$4,159,747	\$4,381,919	\$4,588,364
HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION				
Salaries-Bedford HS Plan Team	0	0	0	380,425
Tuition-Manchester	\$10,215,600	\$9,662,283	\$9,980,500	\$7,044,500
Supplies & Texts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
Furniture & Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,600
Census & Attendance	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Other	0	0	0	18,500
TOTAL	\$10,217,600	\$9,664,283	\$9,982,500	\$7,458,025
SPECIAL EDUCATION				
Salaries	\$3,323,323	\$3,184,920	\$3,596,354	\$3,818,091
Supplies, Texts & Equipment	47,532	66,117	48,188	58,091
Psyc & Other Support Services	879,020	752,583	890,894	997,799
Tuition	1,507,909	1,301,185	1,461,334	1,759,100
Federal Funds	458,586	458,586	515,168	532,149
Transportation	556,970	461,551	514,249	510,125
Other	13,300	14,711	16,000	15,875
TOTAL	\$6,786,640	\$6,239,653	\$7,042,187	\$7,691,230

	BUDGET 2004-05	EXPENDED 2004-05	BUDGET 2005-06	PROPOSED BGT. 2006-07
DISTRICT WIDE				
Salaries	\$769,252	\$746,223	\$790,357	\$815,853
Supplies, Text & Equipment	106,356	106,279	132,820	152,547
Insurance	71,580	64,309	73,935	68,400
Benefits	6,382,922	6,063,431	6,831,805	7,870,994
Regular Transportation	1,021,090	1,033,865	1,084,428	1,163,979
Federal Funds	121,419	121,419	123,387	61,398
Debt Service	1,083,080	1,083,391	2,174,869	4,462,521
Arch./Eng./Const. Services	0	0	200,000	220,000
Other	163,692	151,439	161,575	170,275
TOTAL	\$9,719,391	\$9,370,356	\$11,573,176	\$14,985,967
SCHOOL BD & DISTRICT OFFICERS				
Salaries	\$3,900	\$6,520	\$3,900	\$3,900
Services & Supplies	132,000	215,918	121,500	136,000
Hiring, Printing & Dues	39,805	25,149	34,611	37,731
TOTAL	\$175,705	\$247,587	\$160,011	\$177,631
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT				
Salaries	\$487,139	\$485,794	\$516,104	\$613,201
Services	9,000	16,865	9,254	10,064
Supplies & Equipment	12,000	12,234	13,000	14,000
Utilities	15,500	9,194	16,300	14,500
Travel, Meetings & Dues	13,995	15,406	13,400	15,995
TOTAL	\$537,634	\$539,493	\$568,058	\$667,760
MAINTENANCE				
Salaries	\$163,552	\$176,534	\$170,392	\$181,146
Supplies, Equipment & Repairs	594,656	748,106	443,670	862,950
Contracted Services	45,000	33,159	40,500	105,600
Utilities	92,878	70,760	84,937	103,938
TOTAL	\$896,086	\$1,028,559	\$739,499	\$1,253,634
FOOD SERVICE				
Salaries	\$240,708	\$248,283	\$253,699	\$259,855
Supplies & Equipment	352,551	367,722	399,001	416,901
Benefits	50,594	62,183	65,322	102,046
TOTAL	\$643,853	\$678,188	\$718,022	\$778,802
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$40,587,937	\$39,110,704	\$43,020,682	\$45,896,716

Note: Assumes that all school board proposed warrant articles are approved.

REVENUES AND CREDITS 2006-2007

DESCRIPTION	Approved 2004-05	Actuals 2004-05	Approved 2005-06	Proposed 2006-07
UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE	\$1,482,973	\$1,482,973	\$1,760,716	\$200,000
REVENUES FROM STATE SOURCES				
School Building Aid	184,964	198,750	192,270	1,399,397
Handicapped Aid - Catastrophic	420,158	603,062	400,414	400,414
Child Nutrition Program	10,586	11,702	11,700	11,700
Driver Education	0	5,875	3,125	5,000
REVENUES FROM FEDERAL SOURCES				
Grants	121,419	202,475	114,784	61,398
Child Nutrition Program	62,436	65,968	69,696	66,000
Disabilities (IDEA) and Preschool Incentive	515,168	515,133	532,149	532,149
Medicaid	50,000	173,610	100,000	100,000
OTHER FINANCIAL SOURCES				
Sale of Bonds or Notes	0	0	49,682,000	800,000
Transfer from Capital Projects Fund	0	0	0	0
Transfer from Capital Reserve Fund	0	0	0	0
Transfer from Expendable Trust Fund	0	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUE OTHER THAN TAXES				
Tuition - Regular Day School	0	12,627	0	40,000
Tuition - Summer School	0	250	0	0
Transp. Fees - Regular Day School	45,000	52,205	45,000	45,000
Earnings on Investments	30,000	12,850	1,397,000	625,000
Food Service Sales	566,530	593,625	664,089	671,277
Rental of Facilities	6,000	686	1,500	1,500
Donations	0	13,918	0	0
Other	0	36,520	0	220,000
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	\$3,495,234	\$3,982,229	\$54,974,443	\$5,178,835
State Education Assessment	\$8,196,273		\$8,018,791	\$7,594,355
Adequacy Education Grant	\$3,372,780		\$2,866,863	\$2,866,863
Local School Assessment	\$27,323,650		\$26,842,585	\$31,056,663
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET*	\$40,587,937		\$43,020,682	\$45,896,716
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS**	\$42,387,937		\$92,702,682	\$46,696,716

*The 2006/07 proposed budget assumes that all school board proposed warrant articles are approved.

**The 2004/05 appropriation includes a \$1,800,000 deficit appropriation for 2003/2004.

The 2005/06 appropriation includes a \$49,682,000 bond issue for the middle school/high school.

The 2006/07 prorated appropriation includes an \$800,000 bond issue for a water main extension.

THE REAL COST OF EDUCATING BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN MANCHESTER

In 2006/2007, the Bedford School District will be entering the first year of a three-year transition tuition agreement with Manchester. Under the terms of this agreement, students in grades 9-12 will attend Manchester high schools in 2006/2007; students in grades 11 and 12 will attend Manchester high schools in 2007/2008; and students in grade 12 will attend Manchester high schools in 2008/2009.

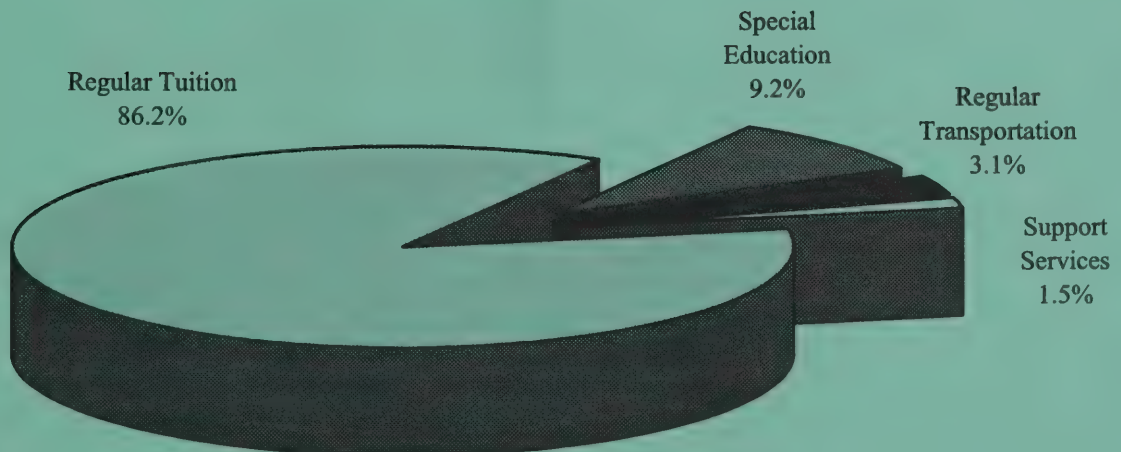
We commonly equate the cost of educating Bedford high school students with the per pupil tuition amount that is billed by the Manchester School District. What is not generally known or understood is that there are numerous programs and services that Manchester provides at an additional cost and/or that the Bedford School District provides which are not part of the basic contract with Manchester.

While we cannot accurately estimate the cost of indirect services provided to our high school population on the part of administrative personnel, the total of \$8,177,907 is a more accurate reflection of high school costs in Manchester.

The total cost, therefore, to the Bedford School District for the education of high school students in Manchester can be summarized as follows based on the proposed 2006/2007 budget:

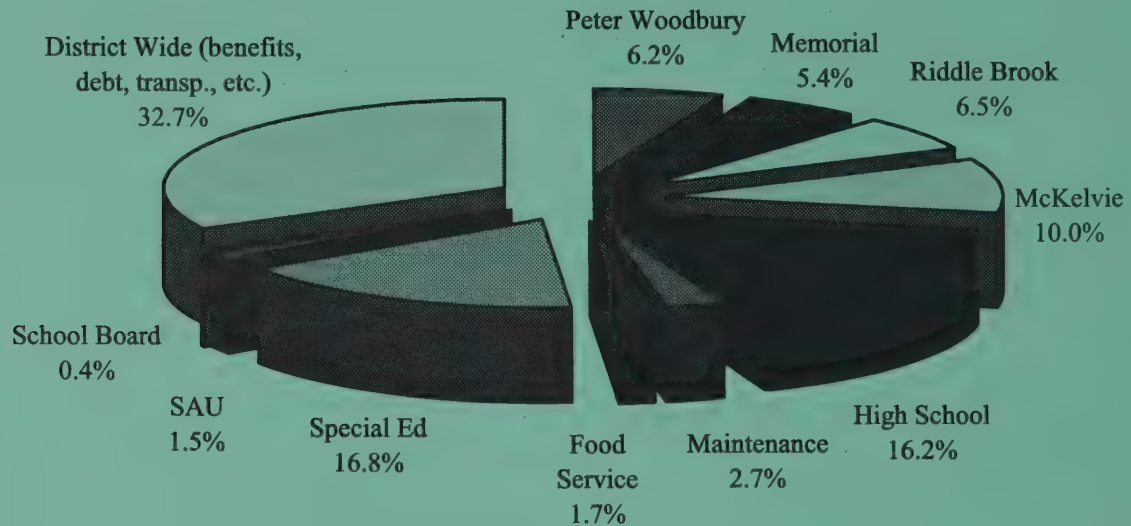
Regular Tuition	\$7,044,500
Regular Transportation	255,087
Special Education (salaries, supplies, tuition, transportation)	752,866
Support Services (guidance, LRS, speech, occupational & physical therapy, psychological services)	<u>125,454</u>
	\$8,177,907

TOTAL COST BY PERCENTAGE



2006-2007 PROPOSED BUDGET ANALYSIS

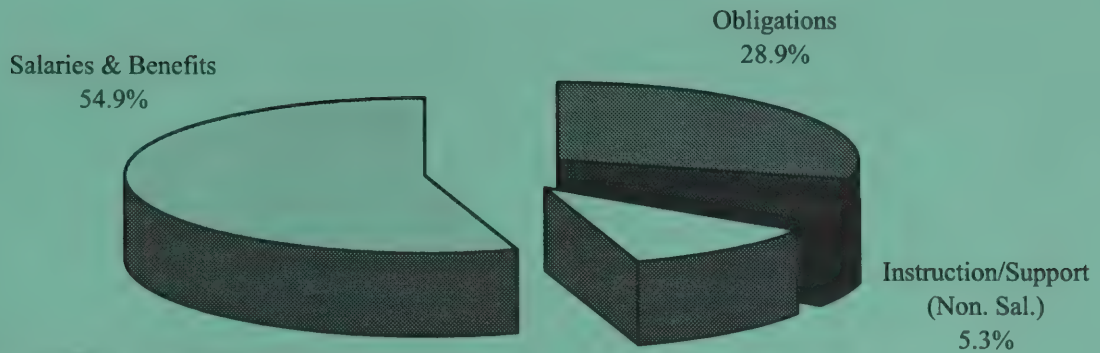
The following is an analysis of the proposed school district budget:



The above analysis of the budget allocates costs to the schools, departments, and programs for which they are incurred. The chart provides a quick visual comparison of the total budget.

Note: Assumes that all school board proposed warrant articles are approved.

2006-2007 PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENSE ANALYSIS



Salaries & Benefits	\$25,215,952	54.9%
Obligations	13,266,121	28.9%
Tuition-MHSW	\$7,044,500	
Tuition-Other	1,759,100	
Debt Services	4,462,521	
Instruction/Support (Non. Sal.)	2,407,166	5.3%
Business Accounts (Non. Sal.)	<u>5,007,477</u>	<u>10.9%</u>
TOTAL	\$45,896,716	100.0%

2006-2007 PROPOSED BUDGET REVENUE ANALYSIS



Note: Assumes that all school board proposed warrant articles are approved.

RESIDENT SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS

SCHOOL	K	Gr.1	Gr.2	Gr.3	Gr.4	Gr.5	Gr. 6	Gr.7	Gr.8	Gr.9	Gr.10	Gr.11	Gr.12	Total 9/05	9/04
Memorial	51	85	96	92	85	70								479	485
Peter Woodbury	82	117	109	151	119	123								701	658
Riddle Brook	82	140	125	131	129	122								729	734
McKelvie							360	327	328					1015	972
West High										234	247	227	200	908	844
Central High										0	0	1	1	2	3
Memorial High										0	0	1	1	2	4
Bishop Brady										15	18	12	12	57	46
Bishop Guerlin										13	16	18	16	63	62
Derryfield							11	12	23	16	14	11	22	109	115
Grace Christian	1	3	3	1	2	2	1							13	9
Milford Christian	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	7	4
Mount Zion	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	4	2	3	20	20
Mt. Saint Mary	1	1	2	1	1	0	1							7	6
Nashua Christian	0	1	1	0	2	2	0	1	1	0	1	2	1	12	13
St. Benedict	2	6	2	3	1	3	1							18	20
St. Casimir	0	0	2	3	0	1	1	2	0					9	9
St. Catherine	1	1	1	0	1	3	1							8	11
St. Paul's										1	0	2	1	4	5
Trinity										34	25	14	26	99	96
Villa Augustina	9	9	2	3	2	1	4	1	2					33	24
*Other	100	12	12	7	9	8	12	14	13	20	9	16	18	250	254
TOTAL	331	376	357	393	351	335	393	359	369	339	334	307	301	4545	4394

*Includes Bedford School District special education out-of-district enrollments.

COST OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

	2003-2004	2004-2005
EXPENDITURES	\$7,362,513	\$7,591,018
REVENUES		
State Sources		
- Catastrophic Aid	595,403	603,062
- Adequacy Allocation	1,396,341	1,432,275
Federal Sources		
- Individuals with Disabilities Act	455,465	515,133
- Medicaid Funds	210,328	173,610
Other Sources		
- Tuition	0	0
TOTAL Revenues	\$2,657,537	\$2,724,080
NET SPECIAL EDUCATION COST	\$4,704,976	\$4,866,938

BOND MATURITY SCHEDULE (FY 2006)

Project	Principal	Balance	Retirement
Riddle Brook School	\$395,000	\$5,134,400	2019/2020
Riddle Brook School Addition/ SAU Office Addition	\$320,000	\$2,240,000	2013/2014

EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

Trust	2005-2006 Contribution	*Balance
Maintenance	\$0	\$41,847
Tuition	\$0	\$127,892
Land	\$0	\$506,697
New School Fund	\$0	\$170,777

*As of June 30, 2005

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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To the Members of the School Board
Bedford School District
Bedford, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Bedford School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005 which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the School District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Bedford School District as of June 30, 2005, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated September 2, 2005 on our consideration of the School District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

*Bedford School District
Independent Auditor's Report*

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information are not a required part of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United State of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Bedford School District's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund statements and schedules are presented for the purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements of the Bedford School District. The combining and individual fund financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

September 2, 2005

PLODZIK & SANDERSON,
Professional Association

NOTE: The complete audit is available for viewing in the SAU #25 office building.

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